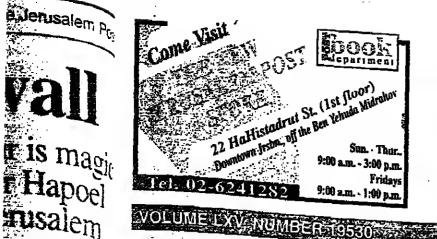


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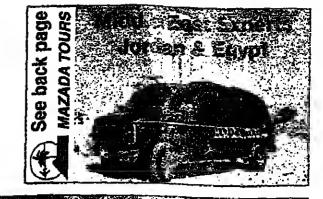
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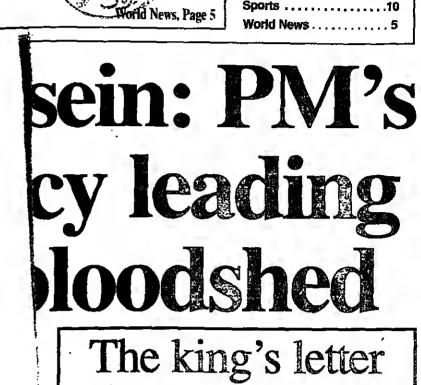




Netanyahu in Moscow

Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Moscow. Story, Page 12.





Text of letter sent from Jordan's King Hussein to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on March 9:

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My distress is genuine and deep over the accumulating tragic actions which you have initiated at the head of the government of Israel, making peace - the worthiest objective of my life - appear more and more like a distant elusive mirage. I could remain aloof if the very lives of all Arabs and Israelis and their future were not fast sliding towards an abyss of bloodshed and disaster, brought about by fear and despair.

I frankly cannot accept your repeated excuse of having to act the way you do under great duress and pressure, I cannot believe that the people of Israel seek bloodshed and disaster and oppose peace. Nor can I believe that the most constitutionally powerful prime minister in Isrzeli history would act on other than his total convictions. The saddest reality that has been dawning on me is that I do not find you by my side in working to fulfill God's will for the final reconciliation of all the descendants of the children of Abraham.

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Boycott Migdal

By DAVID HARRIS

A group of some five MKs is to call for a national boycott of Migdal Insurance this afternoon, following an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange that Assicurazioni Generali and Bank eumi have agreed to Migdal's ale, Knesset sources said last ight.

There is extreme anger among ae MKs, who represent a variety of parties, the sources said, that the deal has been allowed to go ahead while there is still a dispute over Generali's alleged continued refusal to pay out on life-insurance policies that Holocaust vicums had taken out.

Knesset insurance sub-committee chairman Michael Kleiner (Gesher) is one of those leading the campaign against the Italianbased company, one of Europe's largest insurers.

Last night at least one MK was considering introducing a Migdal bill into the Knesset. The bill would insist the \$300 million deal . cot be allowed until the company pay compensation, on the grounds that it is acring immorally. Leumi, Migdal's current owner,

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Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday ordered invitations issued to the the US. Russia, the European Union, Norway, and Japan to attend a Gaza conference on Saturday to decide what the Oslo Accords have to say regarding recent Israeli decisions on Jerusalem and

redeployment. Officials in his office last night said Arafat called a meeting of his security chiefs to discuss the deteriorating situation.

Chief Palesunian negotiator Saeb Erekat said he had been asked to issue the invitations yesterday, but that so far he had received no responses.

Israeli officials were said to be trying to persuade the US not to send a representative, however US Consul-General in Jerusalem Edward Abington would attend the meeting, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said

yesterday. "If an invitation is formally issued to the US, we'll be there," Burns told reporters. "We understand the level of frustration on the part of the Palestinians. But the only way something good is going to happen is if they continue to talk to the Israeli government, and

buffeted by some tairly significant Israeli government decisions over the last couple of weeks," so holding the conference is "appropriate," Burns said, adding that the US disputes reports that Arafat has cut off talks with Israel, Burns said that US peace team coordinator Dennis Ross "is not aware that



there has been a ban on contacts, and he thinks that some contacts are ongoing, which is a good

thing. He said that President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and Ross are involved in the Israeli-Palestinian track on an "almost daily basis." Foreign Minister David Levy called a news conference in Jerusalem to protest the plan. "Any attempt to bring about international intervention is likely, and I warn against a danger that Israel does not want, is likely to freeze the peace process," Levy said. "Any attempt for international intervention .. will lead to a freeze

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On the issue of Har Homa.

Netanyahu said: "We're not build-

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Netanyahu yesterday played down the dispute with the Palestinians. Since he values their own personal friendship. Netanyahu said he is "This kind of doomsday talk and "baffled by the personal attacks the whole histrionic attitude against me." His only conclusion is towards obvious disagreement is that Hussein is "not being fully itself not conducive to the [peace] apprised of the true picture" of process," Netanyahu told a

Israel's security situation. Moscow news conference with The three-page letter by Hussein Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov. "We have disagreestrongly suggests that the rift between the two leaders is far deepments. We cannot at every stage of er than has been previously this agreement engage in cata-clysmic predictions and talk of criacknowledged. Specifically, Hussein questions Netanyahu's assertion that sis and violence. The important he is committed to peace, just as he thing is we keep our side of the agreement. We expect the questions that Netanyahu is being forced to build Har Homa due to Palesunians to keep theirs and coalition pressure.

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On the question of your withdrawal from territories you have committed Israel, before the US, Jordan, and the world, to complete the process by mid-1998, what good did it serve to offer such an insignificant first phase withdrawal? Why the apparent continued deliberate humiliation of your so called Palestinian partners? Can any worthwhile relationship thrive in the absence of mutual respect and trust?

Why are Palestinians still confirming that their agricultural products still rot awaiting entry into Israel and export? Why the delay when it is known that unless work is authorized to commence on the Gaza port, before the the end of this month, the complete project would suffer a year's delay? Figally, the Gaza Airport - all of us have addressed the subject numerous times with a view to having a legitimate Palestinian need met and 10 give their leaders and people their own free access to the world rather than their present confinement and need to exit and return through other sovereign territories.

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Five-year-old's savvy prevents further casualties in Hizbullah attack

By DAVID RUDGE

Inquiries into the abortive Hizbullah car-bomb attack in the security zone on Monday have revealed that a major catastrophe was averted - thanks to a local ~five-year-old boy.

An IDF soldier was moderately wounded and two Lebanese civilians were lightly hurt in the blast. Senior IDF sources stressed, however, that the outcome would have



the youngster and his family and the quick action of South Lebanese Army and IDF troops tu the area. Israel yesterday lodged an official complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee over

the incident. The group is to meet at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura on Thursday.

The inquiries revealed that the car had been stoleo in Huleh, a Shi'ite village not far from the scene of the blast, and that about 200 kg. of explosives had been planted in it. The owner of the white Toyota has been living abroad for several years. Members of the SLA's security

been far worse had it not been for apparatus conducted widespread searches in Hulch village in the wake of the blast and a number of people were detained for questioning on suspicion of collaborating with Hizbullah activists.

The car bomb was then driven to a spot on a maio route used frequently by IDF and SLA troops, as well as local residents, and parked virtually alongside a house belonging to the Shahour family on the outskins of Tel al-Kabah village.

The father sent one of his sons. aged five, to check on the suspicious vehicle and he discovered a man inside armed with a rifle. He informed his father, who went to investigate himself and was threatened by the gunman.

The man went back to his family and led them all out of the house, through a rear door, and alerted SLA troops nearby, who in turn informed IDF troops who were on patrol in the area.

The Hizbullab gunman realized he had been spotted and fled the scene, after operating the device io the car. SLA troops spotted him and opened fire, but apparently without hitting him.

The huge bomb, packed with metal ball bearings to make it more deadly, exploded seconds later, wounding two of the family's children and a soldier from the IDF Datrol

The soldier, whose unit was about 200 meters away from the

car bomb when it exploded, was hit by one of the ball bearings that penetrated his shoulder. He is recovering in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

The front of the Shahour family's house, as well as their car, were destroyed by the blast. Brig.-Gen. Yom-Tov Samiya, commander of the Galilee Division. praised the family's actioos and said the damage to the house would be repaired free of charge as a gesture of appreciation.

The SLA has stepped up road blocks and more checks are now being carried out oo roads in the security zone as part of efforts to thwart future car or suicide bomb attacks.



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Kahalani to decide on closure of PA offices

The Palestinian Authority was granted a 24-hour extension yes-terday by the Ministry of Internal Security to provide documents proving that the four Palestinian offices in eastern Jerusalem slated to be closed are not affiliated with the PA. Jawad Boulos, the legal representative of the PA who met with ministry officials on Monday to argue the case against closure, asked for the extension because of a death in the family. A spokesman for the ministry said she expected a meeting to take place this afternoon, after which Minister Avigdor Kahalani will make a decision on whether Elli Wohlgelernter to close the offices.

Draft law defines GSS authority, activities

The authority and activities of the General Security Service have, for the first time since the establishment of the state, been defined by a draft law. The proposed law also defines the means of appointing the head of the service, the obligation of those employed in the service to report to the cabinet and the Knesset, and restrictions on employees and their spouses, among other things. However, it does not include methods of interrogation, such as those defined by the Landau Commission, the Justice Ministry spokesman said. Baisheva Tsur

Two killed, two injured on roads

Felice Semanto, a member of Kibbutz Yad Hannah, was killed yesterday when his car collided with a truck at the entrance to the kibbntz. According to the police, he had failed to stop at the stop sign by the exit and was struck and killed by the truck. In another fatal accident, a pedestrian was struck and killed by a car last night in Haifa.

Two people were injured in road accidents in the western Galilee last night. In one, the driver was critically injured after his car overturned while fleeing from the police after they had beckoned him to stop at a junction. The driver, who is recovering in Nahariya Government Hospital, had had his license permanently revoked. Inim

Mubarak slams 'Post'

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak reportedly charged The Jerusalem Post yesterday with publisbing editorial cartoons and articles that he said attack bim, his government, and the Egyptian people.

Mnbarak said the Post and other Israeli newspapers defame Egypt, according to a participant in a luncbeon bosted in Mubarak's honor by the House international relations committee. The source said Mubarak "came prepared" following complaints about antisemitism in the Egyptian press voiced last week by several committee members who met with Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

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At the luncheon, Mubarak's aide distributed material from various Israeli newspapers that he said are "racist" against "the Arabs and the Egyptian people." the source said. After Congressman Sam Gejdenson,

take no action on the matter. He urged Americans and lsraelis to take up the issues directly with the Egyptian media. Despite dissatisfaction in some quarters of Congress with Egypt's role in the peace process, the meeting was cordial !; and friendly, the source said.

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Congressman Tom Lantos, a leading critic of Egypt on the committee, said yesterday hei believes that Egypt and Mubarak are playing a positive role." He also said Mubarak had invited him to visit Cairo later this month, and that he would likely do so.

Committee members, bowev er, did not issue any threata against the Egyptian aid pack age, participants said.

Mubarak said afterward that bis criticism of the US veto of be UN Security Council resolu-tion on Har Homa "shouldn" shake relations" between the countries.

Standing beside Mubarak

Latest Arrow test success

BY ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Yesterday's successful test launch of the Arrow anti-ballistic missile marked a sig-

nificant step toward an initial deployment of the defense system against surface-to-sur-face missiles by the end of next year. It was the fourth test launch of the Arrow 2 missile and the Defense Ministry said the Arrow succeeded in locking onto and destroying the target missile fired from a navy ship. However, it said a malfunction in the warhead prevented the Arrow from detonating its warhead. The target was destroyed by the direct hit.

Engineers at Israel Aircraft Industries are analyzing the data to evaluate and confirm the results. Interception is supposed to take place between 10 kilometers and 50 kilometers above the ground.

The test launch of the interceptor took place yesterday afternoon at the Palmahim Air Base porth of Ashdod. The test marked the first time that the system's Green Pine control radar and Citron Tree battle man-

agement center participated. "Both worked according to plan and ful-filled all the test objectives," a ministry statement said. The statement added that US and Israeli engineering teams were "very satisfied with the test results and are confident that they

constitute significant forward progress toward a total integrated weapon system."

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The mainly US-financed missile was last tested in August. Then it made its first impressive "metal-on-metal" direct hit of a target missile at high altitude. Another test is planned for this summer.

News of the successful test launch came as Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was meeting with King Hussein at his palace in Amman. The monarch told Mordechai it was a "great achievement." Mordechai later said he emphasized to Hussein that the Arrow could be used for regional defense.

Mordechai later praised the test and said that the "significant and positive progress" of the Arrow project is bringing Israel to the forefront of world technology.

The IDF already has ordered two Arrow batteries, which are expected to be ready by the end of next year. Their deployment is expected to greatly enhance the protection from Scud surface-to-surface missiles, but will hardly be enough to completely eliminate the threat.

The US and Israel are financing the Arrow's development. So far, the project has cost \$700 million, with Israel's share being \$250m.

The projected cost is about \$1.6 billion, but analysts have reportedly said the missile could cost many times that figure. Because of US financing, Israel has agreed to give the US access to the Arrow's research and development data.

Hanegbi, NRP slam bid to change Direct **Election Law**

By BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

Attempts by MKs to change the law governing the direct election of the prime minister are "immoral and unconstitutional," Justice Minister

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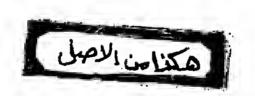
Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday. "It is a manipulative development on the part of those who are initiating it from the coalition and from the opposition," Hanegbi told Israel Radio, referring to recent attempts to alter the law so that a majority of 61 MKs rather than the current 81 could dismiss the prime minister. Hanegbi, arguing that the change would be proven unconstitutional, said that while those in favor claim the Knesset needs to be strengthened, it would have the opposite effect.

"The outcome would be a probably imprecedented blow that would undermine the sovereign status of the Knesset as the result of the fact, I believe, that the law would be overtained by the High Court of Justice. To the best of my knowledge, it would be the first time that the [court] would intervene in the legislation of the Knesset."

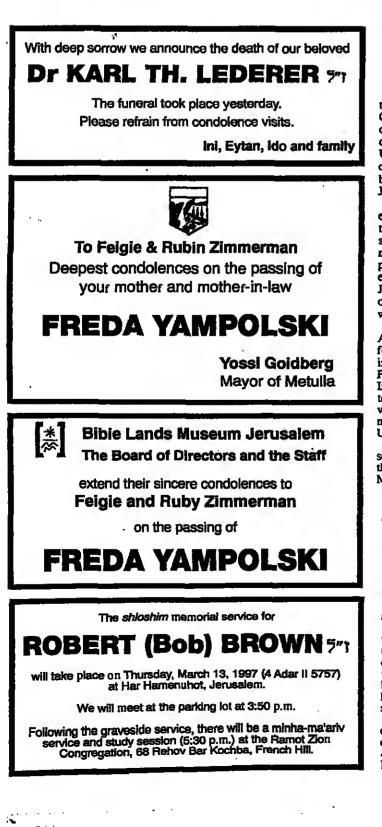
For years it had been argued that there had to be a division of powers, . Hanegbi said. The change in the law would be "contrary to any principle of constitutional democracy. It would change the rules during the game... Despite the fact that the High Court is in favor of restraint, I believe it would be forced to intervene to overrule the law passed by the Knesset."

National Religious Party leader and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer also came out yesterday against amending the Direct Election Law, suggesting changes "are cheap tricks that could harm

the party's image." The NRP MKs ar



whose parents are Holocaust committee chairman Benjami survivors. said the Egyptian Gilman said the meeting indicat ed bow "strong our bonds of press's use of swastikas was offensive, Mubarak responded friendship" are.



UN General Assembly begins Har Homa debate

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Israel is expected to take a beating today as the UN General Assembly opens a debate on the Har Homa project. The debate comes only days after the US vetoed a Security Council resolution against Israel's plan to build 6,500 housing units in the Jerusalem neighborhood.

The assembly debate is expected essentially to replicate last week's two-day council debate. Nearly 50 states addressed the council, with many characterizing Har Homa as part of an overall Israeli plan to ensure the "Judaization of Jerusalem" before the beginning of the final status negotiations with the Palestinians. "I am going to tell the General

Assembly that the UN is not the forum to discuss contentious issues between Israel and the Palestinians," David Peleg, the Israeli charge d'affaires, said yesterday. "We think it is wrong that, whenever there is a problem in negotiations, the Arabs rush to the UN, boping to impose their view." Peleg has made this argument on several occasions since he became the acting head of the Israeli Mission last May. "There are

US ACCEPTS

Continued from Page 1 Palestinian legal team about the wording and intention of Oslo accords one and two.

"We urged them to sit with us and look at the provisions of the interim agreement... We urged them to bring their lawyers and they refused. We urged them to call the attention of the countries which signed with us and let them be the judge. They refused," Erekat, who attended the meeting. said While meetings with Israeli

officials are informally suspended, meetings arranged between Arafat and non-government Israeli groups are continuing.

some basic truths that are worth repeating, like, the UN is not the appropriate forum to discuss this." he said

Israel is expected to lose any vote by an overwhelming majority. Assembly resolutions, however, are not binding.

Britain was one of the sponsors of last week's council's resolution. The council bas a responsibility to pronounce itself on this matter. British Ambassador John Weston said on Friday.

"With all due respect to the United Kingdom, it is up to the [two] sides to decide. This is one of the cores of the peace process," Peleg said, adding that today's assembly session "reminds me of an era predating the peace process, when this was part of the Arab

political warfare against Israel. "My concern is that heated arguments and strongly worded resolutions may have a negative impact on the peace process, may encourage the Palestinians to take more negative positions, and may encourage some people to take violent steps. All these dangers are in this debate," Peleg said. "My worry is not the result of the vote. because this will not decide the future of the peace process."

Today a group of 100 Israelis.

mostly small businessmen are

scheduled to meet with him in

Weizman last night confirmed

that Saeb Erekat and Mahmoud

Abbas had approached him to work towards bridging the gaps with Israel's leaders, "so that

there would not be an explosion."

Meanwhile, President Ezer

Gaza

Gilad: Arafat still considers armed conflict an option

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy head of Military Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, who beads the IDF research division, reportedly said yesterday the PLO's executive had decided not to initiate incidents over the Har Homa project or the first of the further redeployments, although confrontation could not be ruled out.

In a report to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Gilad said Yasser Arafat still believes be can make political achievements with a short round of armed conflict.

Gilad said Arafat is being very cautious and at this stage is acting to exert restraint. However, his messages are ambiguous and some elements could act of their own accord.

Gilad said local confrontations could be expected with the beginning of work on Har Homa, but it will be difficult to determine their scope or location. He said Arafat will not give up on a Palestinian state as a strategic goal and if he

thinks at any stage that this goal is growing further away, it might cause a harsh reaction.

In the meantime, Arafat is strengthening his status as leader among the Palestinians, both via the creation of the National Congress in Nablus and by tightening his relationship with Hamas and the other rejectionist groups he sees as political bodies. In contrast, he continues to see the Islamic Jihad as a terror organization and is trying with marked suc-cess to stop it. The warm reception Arafat received in Washington and Europe also indicates his improved status, Gilad said.

Regarding Syria, Gilad said that President Hafez Assad is waiting for the series of visits by Arab leaders to Washington to end before deciding on any concrete steps regarding resuming talks with IsraeL

In Gilad's assessment, there has been no change in Syria's stand. It continues to expect the return of the Golan Heights, while at the same time continuing to support Hizbullah activities in Lebanon.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King David Smoet. Ms. Micnela Har-sri will speak about Flamenco. From 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be a cake and plants sale at the YMCA in aid of local chari-tics.

terday continued their internal discussions on a suggestion by three of their members --- Shaul Yahalom, Porat, and Zvi Hendel - to leave the coalition.

The faction is asking for a meet-ing with the prime minister on his return from Moscow. The NRP has issued several demands on Prime Minister Binyainin Netanyahu "to renew our confidence in the government's ability to continue to strengthen our hold on the Land of Israel and Jewish settlement in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza," in faction chairman Hanan Porat's words.

Hanegbi confident he won't be indicted

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By BATSHEVA TSUR

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday that, after six weeks of investigation into the Bar-On affair, be still believes that Channel 1 did not have solid evidence for the charges it had aired. --

"My opinion has not changed," Hanegbi said in an Israel Radio interview. "It seems to me that, after all that has been published, and of course I treat these publicattions [in the media] with reserva-Itions, that there is nothing left but coust and rubble ... with regard to the charges of Hebron for Bar-On."

Hanegbi said: 'Like everyone leise, I am awarting the findings, and I have full confidence in the State Attorney's Office."

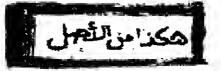
Earlier, ministry spokesman Etty Eshed denied a radio report that State Attorney Edna Arbel planned to bold a press conference to expose the non-ethical public aspects of the affair. The investigation is not yet over and therefore nothing has been planned, Eshed said.

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that wants to see the way of peace having the upper band. It is a shame that we should go backwards now," he said. "We all have to make a serious effort" so that the current confrontation does not turn "into a war whose consequences no one can predict," Weizman said, adding that he had conveyed this to the

Palestinians.





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7-year Appel trial ends in acquittal

By RAINE MARCUS

Following a seven-year trial, basinessman and building contractor David Appel was acquitted on charges of theft and fraud by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. The charges relate to the evacuation of a transit camp in Kfar Sava's Yoseftal neighborhood in the mid-1980s, when Appel was accused of misusing funds he received from the Housing Ministry.

Appel, whose name has been linked to the ongoing Bar-On investigation, refused to comment after the verdict, but his lawyer, Moshe Yisrael, said not; only was his client innocent of all charges, but had contributed to the poor and needy in the neigbborhood.

The case surfaced in the 1980s when the Housing Ministry.

allowed Appel to act as a subcontractor to find alternative housing for Yoseftal residents and for homeless in the area. Appel received loans and subsidies from the Housing Ministry and was subsequently indicted for the theft of NIS 2.4 million.

The prosecution maintained that he only used part of the subsidies for transferring residents and pocketed monies for his own gain.

In giving his verdict, Judge Yehoshua Gross ruled that the prosecution had neither succeeded in proving beyond a shadow of a donbt that Appel stole money allocated for houses nor that he fraudulently received money

In his 90-page verdict, Gross described the situation in the mid-1980s at Yoseftal as a slum. The Housing Ministry gave subrest of the money.

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sidized loans to residents to enable them to purchase homes. The ministry turned to Appel, who beld 50 percent of the shares in the Shalom Geinish Construction Company, to help rehouse the residents and to allocate mortgages to those entitled. The ministry determined the amount of money each family was entitled to, and a grant was paid after the residents signed an evacuation agreement.

Appel began negotiating with residents on the terms of their evacuation, and subsequently requested granis and loans from the Housing Ministry. He was accused of giving residents alternative housing for much less than the subsidies he received from the ministry, and was charged with keeping the



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani cuts the ribbon yesterday inaugurating a police station in Bat Yam, as Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz (second from left), Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky (fourth), and Bat Yam Mayor Yehoshua Sagi (right) look on. The new station will house local police as well as the National Fraud Squad, which has been moved there from Jaffa. (Dana Sterman/Israel Sun:

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Appel – the quintessential back-room man

By HERB KEINON

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general if it looked like the trial

again, maybe two months ago the

seven-year case looked different?

strongly worded denial, declaring,

"Somebody took advantage of

Channel 1 to settle political accounts with me." He then

backed this up with a libel lawsuit

As to the political accounts,

Appel, according to a lengthy

month, reportedly believes it may

be an attempt to neutralize Foreign Minister David Levy.

Appel is a Levy stalwart, and a key supporter - financial and oth-

against Channel 1.

interview, Appel said: "I don't David Appel, a man characterneed anybody. I don't need Bibi, I ized recently in the press as one of don't need [Jerusalem Mayor] the three men - along with; Avigdor Lieberman and Aryeb; Ehnd [Olmert], I don't need Ivet [Avigdor Lieberman], I don't need Deri - running the country, was Minister] Finance unknown to much of the public [Meridor]. Everyone needs me. until Ayala Hasson's report in "I bave a large group of January that opened the Pandora's

friends," he continued, "and I'm box known as the Bar-On Affair. not one who is not influential. According to Hasson, Appel was the brains behind the alleged Because of this, my friends and I want the people in the front to act according to our beliefs. I see that attempt to appoint a "pliable" attorney-general. Appel is the peras a way of life, that I influence son who, according to Hasson, told Deri that he had an attorneypolitics from the other side, from behind [the scenes]. My influence general wbo "will be ours." Appel flows from my circle of friends ... vehemently denies ever uttering With this strength, I don't think that my influence on public affairs



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erwise - of Levy's Gesher Party. A long-time Levy confidant, Appel is also close to Lieberman and Deri and has known Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for years. Appel was an important middleman in the negotiations between Netanyahu and Levy that brought Levy back onto a joint ticket with Netanyahu.

Appel, a millionaire building contractor, made his initial fortune doing contract work for the Housing Ministry, when it was run by Levy.

The son of veteran Herut activist Avraham Appel, he is the quintessential back-room politician. He

According to Hasson's scenario, is any less than a minister. The Appel - like Den - had a vested opposite is true." interest in the appointment of a

In the interview, Appel gave the following reasoning as proof that he was not involved in the Bar-On "friendly" attorney-general, since Appel, too, was enmeshed in a long, drawn-out trial that hung Affair.

"If I had wanted Roni Bar-On as heavy over his career. It is this trial that ended yesterday with the attorney-general, the appoint-ment would have worked like a Appel's acquittal in Tel Aviv Swiss watch," he was quoted as One of the questions that saying. "Take my word. What, if Dudi Appel wanted to bring in Appel's acquittal raises is whether Bar-On, he would not have been he would have risked trying to brought in?"

Appel has threatened Yedior was going in his favor. But then with a lawsuit for its story as well. Yesterday was not the first time charges or allegations against Appel have been dropped. He Immediately after the report on was arrested in the early '80s for Channel 1, Appel replied with a allegedly attempting to bribe a tax authority official, but was released and later received a police apology. Another time he was arrested for allegedly suborning a witness - an arrest that also led nowhere. He has, however, been convicted for violating an order to stop construction of a story in Yediot Aharonot last project and for flagrantly violat-

> Herzliva project. In addition, Meretz MK Ran Cohen petitioned the High Court of Justice after Hasson's report, saying that Appel and Bar Association Chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai should be investigated for criminal activity in connection with the Ganej Aviv housing project. Hoter-Yishai controls Migdal Hazobar, the company which is building Ganei Aviv near Lod, and Appel also was heavily involved in the project, the petition said. Cohen claims that the two siphoned money away from Migdal Hazohar, and wants a police investigation. The police decided not to investigate in 1995, but now Cohen wants the court to force them to do so anyway.

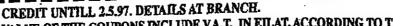
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David Appel vs. Channel 1 By RAINE MARCUS

Businessman David Appel was cited by Channel 1's Mabar news program as being the intermediary between his close friend Arych Deri and the Prime Minister's Office in the Bar-On for

Appel was a key figure in the scandal, said the report, which Hebron case. triggered the police investigation into the case. Appel, a former adviser to Foreign Minister David Levy and a Likud activist, was questioned several times by the police investigating team, and vehemently denied all allegations against him.

He slammed the press, especially Channel 1, accusing the media of downright lies. Then he filed a NIS 5 million law suit in Tel Aviv District Court accusing Channel 1 staff of willful slander.

The suit was filed against reporter Ayala Hasson, who broke the story, head of the news desk Rafik Halabi, and Broadcasting Anthority Director-General Mordechai Kirschenbaum.

Appel said at the time that if awarded the money, he would donate it to charity.

NEWS

Wednesday, March 12, 1997 The Jerusalem Post



700,000 pupils, teachers without shelters

Some 700,000 pupils and teachers throughout the country lack proper emergency shelters, it was announced yesterday at a press conference in Tel Aviv preceding today's planned civil defense exercise in schools.

OC Home Front Command Shmuel Arad said the problem is mainly in the central district. Meeting the needs for additional centers will cost close to a billion shekels and take several years, he said.

Today's civil defense exercise will take place in all the nation's schools, not including kindergartens. The drill will begin at 11:30, with pupils and teachers entering shelters and working oo programs there devised by the Education Ministry. *Itim*

Mordechai: Employ disabled veterans

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai bas called on Israelis to employ handicapped IDF veterans, saying it was a duty that would help rehabilitate the disabled who "paid a heavy price and bear the scars of war."

"I'm sure that all of society and every husiness that employs IDF disabled will quickly find that they will contribute to the business and society much quicker than the businesses contribute to them," Mordechai said on a special Army Radio broadcast which fielded questions from IDF disabled. Arieh O'Sullivan

Katsav, Arab ministers hold press conference

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav this week participated in a joint press conference with bis Jordanian and Egyptian counterparts, Dr. Mamduh al Balrigi and Dr. Salah Rusheidat, at the ITB, the world's largest tourism fair, which is being held in Berlin, Although the Israeli and Jordanian tourism ministers held a joiot press conference last year, this was the first such event with all three.

The Egypulan minister opened this year's press conference with a joint statement that all three countries are committed to a real and encompassing peace and that the peace process is irreversible. Haim Shapiro

Lod youth remanded till end of rape trial

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday remanded till the end of his trial a 15-year-old Lod youth accused of raping and sodomizing a seven-year-old girl last month. He also is accused of ahusing her 10-year-old brother and slashing another youth with a knife in the course of that attack, as well as of an another attack on a different young girl. Judge Avraham Baizer ruled that the suspect's remaining at liberty would be likely to endanger the oublic.

Police shut down pirate radio station

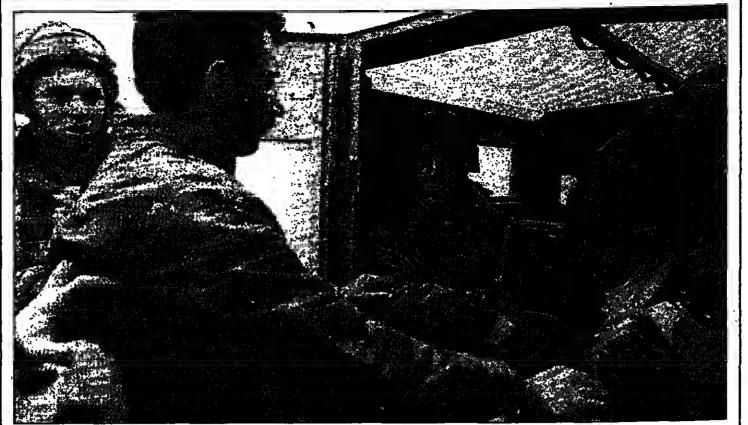
Police shut down a pirate radio station broadcasting out of a Rishon Lezion bomh shelter yesterday, following severe disruptions at Ben-Gurion Airport the previous day due to interference in ground-to-air communications. Police raided the station during a live broadcast, detaining the broadcaster and confiscating equipment.

The Communications Ministry has asked the Treasury for funds to expand and better equip inspection teams seeking pirate radio stations.

Weissman awarded NIS 70,000 in damages

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday awarded damages of just under NIS 70,000 to Michael Weissman of Bat Yam, who was acquitted on charges of murdering his daughter, Nathalie.

The court said Weissman had been falsely accused, because he had been bome asleep on the fatal night in December 1994, after which 33-year-old Nathalie was found dead, appareotly hy suffocation.



IDF troops arrest suspects in Dahariya yesterday following the knifing of a soldier guarding nearby Teneh Omarim.

IDF soldier stabbed by terrorists

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

IDF soldier Moshe Konstantin, 19, was stabbed 20 omes in his head, stomach, and neck hy two masked terrorists early yesterday morning while guarding the entrance to Teneb Omarim near Beersheba. The attackers fled, taking with them his weapon.

Konstantin, who struggled with his assailants and alerted the settlement before collapsing from his wounds, was rushed to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital. After day-long surgery he was listed last night in satisfactory condition.

By noon IDF troops had arrested four sus-pects in nearby Dahariya; but all were released after questioning. The search for the attackers continued.

The attackers left a bloody trail leading towards Dahariya, some four kilometers northwest of the settlement. The entrance of troops into the town was fully coordinated with the Palestinian Authority. Dahariya, in Area B, is due to fall under Palestinian control in the first phase of Israel's pullhack.

Palestinian Preventive Security head Jabril Rajoub arrived in the area to observe the search and receive updates from Palestinian Authority officials who coordinated with the IDF. Soroka Hospital spokesman Batya Kuris through a hole in a fence, he said.

said Konstantin's condition was satisfactory after undergoing a series of operations since the early morning hours. According to Amir Kitron, vice chairman

of the regional council and a member of Teneh Omarim, Konstantin fought with his attackers and managed to fire three shots, wounding one of them, before summoning help over the settlement's communication system. "He managed to call out, 'I'm being stahbed,' before he collapsed," said Kitron.

"Within minutes, resideots and the settlement's security guard arrived at the scene, having heard sbots fired," said Kitron. Immediately the settlement's medical team started treating the soldier and after stabilizing his condidon, put him in the amhulance and sped off towards Soroka Hospital, some 20 minutes away.

"On route they met up with a Magen David Adom mobile intensive care unit, which they had called," he said,

Two masks belonging to the attackers were found at the site, as well as two butcher knives. "One was a gorilla mask and another was a black knitted ski mask with openings just for the eyes," said Kitron. The terrorists had entered the settlement

Konstantin's father, Shmuel, told reporters his son's knowledge of judo and karate helped him fight off bis attackers. "Who knows what would have happened otherwise?" he said.

There were conflicting reports about the sequence of the attack, however. Soroka's Kuris earlier reported that Konstantin had also been shot in the knee, apparently by the terrorists using his rifle. This was later confirmed hy Israel Radio. The IDF Spokesman last night confirmed that Konstantin's weapon had been fired and that apparently one attacker had been wounded, but said no further details would be released until an investigation is completed.

Tench Omarim is situated in an area void of any Arab villages. "Our settlemeot is the buffer zone between Beersheba and the Arab villages surrounding Hebron," said Kitron. However, 24-bour guard duty is shared between residents and IDF soldiers, he said. The settlement, established 13 years ago, is home to 150 secular families, most of whose breadwinners work in Beersheba.

"We are not settlers, but a community," said Teneh Omarim secretary Motti Hershko. Noting that there had never been any terrorist attacks in the past, he added, "I hope this attack isn't a sign that things are about to change."

Knesset panel backs artistic freedoms By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

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The Knesset Educatioo and Culture Committee uoequivocally supports freedom of expression and art, and the freedom to display these works to the pub-lic," committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann (Third Way)

said yesterday. Reacting to several recent instances in which individuals have tried to have exhibitions removed, Zissmann said the committee had visited the museums iovolved and decided they should continue "while offering an explanation to visitors about the nature of the exhibitions."

Among the controversial exhibitions was Ram Katsir's exhibit involving seemiogly ionocent pictures to be colored in which are actually scenes from the Holocaust, a Yigal Amir exhibit in the Ramat Gan museum, and a photograph showing a naked man wearing tefillio, also at the Ramat Gan museum.

"It is the committee's job to protect freedom of expression; aod hack up museum directors on this point, while maintaining values," MK Rafi Elul (Labor) said, adding he hoped the muse-um officials were taking care oot to hurt the public's sensibilities.

Israel Museum director James Snider told the committee: "The museum is today more aware of the prohlems involved in presenting controversial exhibi-tions. From the Ram Katsir exhibit, we will learn that more must be done to explain to the public the nature of the exhibit ahead of time, and what the museum is doing."

Meir Aharonson, director of the Ramat Gan museum, said: The art museums' biggest problem is that the language they speak isn't understood by those who criticize. The museums will cootinue to display controversial things, and stirring the contro-. versy is part of the role the museum must play."

Protest halts Efrat construction

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

group of Palestinians succeeded in halting excavation work on a plot of land known as Givat Hazayit on the outskirts of Efrat yesterday. According to Efrat activist Josh

should we be forced to back off?" According to Adler, 400 houses

are slated for construction, and the project has received all the necessary authorization and permits. "On the plot already is a school in its security road. Later, the Palestinian

military zone on Monday after 150 Palestinians tioted at the site and clashed with IDF soldiers. The Palestinians attempted to stop bull-dozers clearing the way for a new final stages of completion as well as Authority claimed that the bulldoz-

Ministry wants olim societies to play bigger 'absorption' role

His wife, Miriam, 77, has appealed to the Supreme Court against her two-year jail sentence for attempted murder. ltim

Police fear murder may spark drug war

Lachish police expressed fears yesterday that the murder of 23-year-old Ashkelon drug-dealer Yariv Sa'ada could spark a chain of killings in the town. Sa'ada was shot from a passing car on Monday night and died later of his wounds in Barzilai hosoital. Police fear that his friends and family might try to avenge Inim his death.

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Adjer. 10 Palestinians arrived at the site around noon. They tried to stop the two hulldozers and threateoed to kill one of the workers, he said. Police and IDF troops arrived at the scene. Fearing an escalation, they forced the Palestinians from the site, and demanded that all work be stopped unol they see a copy of a court order that authorizes the construction.

"It's ridiculous," said Adler, "They have seen the court order. Why

25 houses," he said In the past, he said, Palestinians from the surrounding villages petiooned the High Court claiming that settlers from Efrat were building on Palestinian land. "All their claims were rejected by the court, as all were proven to have been false," said Adler.

Meanwhile, bulldozers continued working on the security road in the western sector of Kiryat Arba yesterday. The area was declared a closed

ers were learning down v almond and olive groves.

Tzuriel Popovitch, spokesman of the Kirvat Arba local council, said that Monday's events had been unnecessary. According to Popovitch, an elderly Arab near the site started to "run amock". IDF soldiers tried to calm him down but when Palestinian youngsters interfered, the two sides came to blows. "It was a great misunderstanding," he said.

Cheaper contraceptives would lower abortion rate, experts say

By ESTHER HECHT

The most effective way to reduce the number of abortions here is to include contraceptive devices in the

provide, according to experts who spoke before the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday. The added cost of the contracep-

basket of services the health funds

tives would be offset by the drop in abortions the funds must pay for, they said.

The standard answer of the health funds - that they don't pay for prevenove measures - is nonsense, because they do provide prevention in other areas, said Prof. Shlomo Mashiah, head of obstetrics and gynecology at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer. The modern approach to contra-

BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM JERUSALEM ception is to provide consultations in which individuals can choose the

devices best adapted to their lifestyles, but this isn't included in the basket of services either, said Dr. Ronny Shtarkshall, chairman of the Israel Family Planning Association

(IFPA). The way to figure the cost of providing consultation is to estimate the price - in monetary outlay and in human suffering - of not providing it, he added. The oumber of legal abortions per year - about 16,000 -

has remained constant since 1989. There are also about 4,000 to 6,000 illegal abortions annually, according to the IFPA.

When a pregnancy does occur, the medical establishment should make termination easier for those who really need it, Mashiah said.

almost 700 workers we have at the One of the absurdities of current Absorption Ministry, we don't practice, says committee chairman imagine we can reach each every Yael Dayan (Labor), is that a girl up one of the 750,000 immigrants to the age of 18 is entitled to a legal who came in the last hig wave of abortion, but the health funds pay for immigration," said Edelstein, explaining the importance of the the abortion only if she is under 17. In Dayan's view, the law should be olim societies' anucipated role. changed. Absorption Ministry Director-

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By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Yuli Edelstein said yesterday.

He said it had been decided to

whom the ministry already works.

Meir once said: 'The Jewish

Agency can't serve a glass of tea

to an immigrant.' Even with the

General Gideon Shamir said that,

"successful absorption as a way of

increasing immigration to Israel."

This can be accomplished by fully

integrating immigrants from the

large wave of immigration in the

'90s into Israeli society, he said. Edelstein said that the ministry

is now sufficiently able to handle

initial needs of immigrants, some-

thing that had not always been the

case during the immigration boom

"Former prime minister Golda

Jerusalem.

at the beginning of the decade. "Now we face the tougher ques-Olim societies are being asked tions," he said, particularly the to play a major role in aiding in immigrants' professional and the integration of newcomers in social integration. the country, Absorption Minister

Edelstein noted the important achievements in the area of entre-"We're lonking for partners," prencurship for new immigrants, Edelstein said at a study day for where there had been "hundreds olim society activists in of successes" in recent years. He recalled a visit he made recently to grocery in Sderot established by immigrants which now employs look beyond the local authorities and other official bodies with eight of them.

Edelstein said he planned a meeting yesterday with the housing minister to discuss the plight of immigrants who came here in 1989, but who had been unable to make use of their housing rights, which are about to run out.

We have to explain to them that we are not finished taking care of the needs of these immigrants," he said. "While we can't arrange for all the new immigrants to smile all the time and wake up each moming thanking the Absorption Ministry and the State of Israel -. that will never happeo - we can despite serious budget cuts, one of this year's main goals will be change many things for the betworking to realize the belief in

The Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday that 33,000 immigrants arrived in Israel from January to June, 1996, a 4.4. percent drop from the same period in 1995. Of these, 27,900 came from Commonwealth the . of Independent States, 2,100 from North and South America, 1,700 from Europe, 800 from Africa and 450 from Asia.

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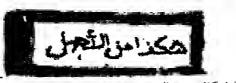
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WORLD NEWS



A masked rebel guards fighter jets at the Albanian air force base at Kucove. The base fell into rebel bands on Monday as they took control of several southern towns, moving the insurgency to 85 kilometers from the capital, Tirana.

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TIRANA - By proposing a coalition government, President Sali Berisha is counting on Albania's political forces to help rein in a swelling rebellion. It's doubtful, however, that the

News agencies

opposition has the authority to persuade rebels to lay down their weapons. The US State Department yes-

terday welcomed the agreement : said the insurgents will not be won between Berisha and the opposition.

White House refused to back down

yesterday in a public spat with the

FBI over the handling of informa-

tion that China might be trying to

influence US elections with cam-

restricted the information to two

National Security Council officials.

But the FBI-says there was "no

restriction whatsoever" on the infor-

mation op the chain of command.

McCurry said yesterday the FBI's

statement is enoneous. He said it

was possible the national security

aides misunderstood the ground

The two officials "made a con-

scious decision about how to handle

information that they were given,"

. This latest twist in the furor sur-

rounding foreign political donations

to the Democratic Party occurred

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he said.

Presidential spokesman Mike

The White House insists the FBI

paign contributions.

"We now strongly urge all parties in Albania to implement this "any political solution." On agreement, to implement the Sunday, Berisha gave in to opposiamnesty, the cease-fire, and to tion demands for new elections work towards a formation of the 1 and a new government not exclunew government," spokesman sively composed of Democranic Nicholas Burns said. "We were. Party members. The 10 parties encouraged by the appareot deci- ! agreed to a program for national sion of President Berisha today to reconciliation, which includes an amnesty for rebels and a gradual begin to lift the state of emergency lifting of the weeklong state of which was imposed, and we hope that leads very quickly to a rapid emergency. While politicians cling to the removal of the censorship provi-

White House firm on

China lobbying cash

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Monday as a member of Congress

sions put in place by the Albanian government just last week," he said.

However, the insurgency manifests Berisha's deep unpopularity, Rebels have widened their control especially in the rebellious south. of towns in the wake of withdrawand also is clear evidence of ing army and police, taking over Albania's political vacuum, a four more southern towns on vawning hole the opposition has Sunday and continuing to expand oot been able to fill. their territory up to yesterday.

Pandeli- Majko, the foreign "There are more contradictions affairs secretary of the largest opposition party, the Socialists, every minute between what the politicians decide and what the people who are protesting want," said Brec Zogaj, a leading member over easily "I am shocked," Majko said. "It of the opposition Democratic Alliance.

looks as if they have lost trust in the failure of high-risk investment fands beginning in January, in

said the FBI told her as early as

1991 that the Chinese government

was interested in making campaign

China said yesterday it is too prin-

The row came as Senate

Republicans prepared to authorize

an investigation into illegal fund-

raising during the 1996 presidential

Senators Dianne Feinstein.

Barbara Boxer, and Daniel Patrick

Moynihan, and Rep. Nancy Pelosi

apparently were among a small cir-

cle of lawmakers warned to look out

for approaches from the Chinese,

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FBI passed similar warnings to two

National Security Council aides last

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belief that a majority of Albanians reports on this or that ruling party approve of the agreement to leader attending the inauguration reestablish order in the country. of a new factory operated hy the the unrest has continued to grow. funds.

The opposition parties, led by the Socialists that succeeded the country's hard-line communists, made political capital out of the collapse of the funds. Many, hut not all, of the protesters at initial demonstrations were Socialist Party supporters.

For a time, the Socialists could hamess the investors' frustration and channel it against Berisha. However, along with the other parties, they have accepted that he will remain on the political scene for now - even though protesters have demanded that he go.

Russia gov't

By GREG MYRE

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin, saying he was fed up with his floundering government, decreed yesterday that the entire cabinet would resign except for the prime minister and his first deputy.

Yeltsin's order said a new cabinet would be formed within a week.

The move is intended to give Yeltsin a fresh start as he returns to work full-time after being sidelined for most of the past eight months with heart trouble and a bout of uncumonia.

The Russian leader said last week the country was "still struggling in a flood of problems" and he pledged major personnel changes and a new series of reforms to revive an economy that has been shrinking for six straight years.

"Everything will be all right. The government has a plan," Prime Minister Viktor Minister Prime Chernomyrdin said.

But it remains unclear whether a change of faces in the Kremlin will lead to economic growth, an end to corruptioo and meaningful leadership as Russia continues to struggle. The economy is stalled with the country caught between the transition from the failed Soviet system to a market system.

Yeltsin has repeatedly pledged to fix pressing problems, such as the millions of workers and pensioners who have gone unpaid for months, but he has been unable to deliver. "The presidential decree has

Yeltsin fires

quick improvements to social and come on top of an economic crisis economic problems, he has also deepening since last fall," said Grigory Yavlinsky, a promineot liberal lawmaker. "The president stressed the urgency of military reform, and Rodionov has been wants to take some steps following his recuperation that show him ... on top of things." But Yavlinsky warned that "a personnel reshuffle alone will solve neither economic issues, nor internal policy prob-lems." The prime minister and his first deputy, the newly appointed Anatoly Chubais, will retain their

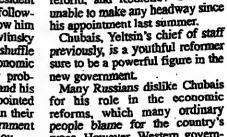
posts, according to government spokesman Igor Shabdrasulov. All other members of the cabinet will be required to resign, the decree stated. That would appear to include the more than 50 people who head federal ministries, agencies and departments.

Yeltsin's decree said he would streamline the government. For example, he plans to reduce the number of deputy prime ministers from the current 13, hut did not give a figure:

Some figures in non-economic positions may be retained in the new cabinet. But Yeltsin was highly critical of

his own administratioo in his nationally televised speech last week and he may be seeking to make a clean sweep. The president has delivered

toogue-lashings to several top officials, including Defense Minister Igor Rodionov, who was rumored to be on the way out even



woes. However, Western govern-meots and hankers geoerally appland Chubais as a highly competent administrator committed to developing a free-market system. Valentin Yumashev, 39, a former

before yesterday's announcement.

While Yeltsin will be seeking

joornalist who helped Yeltsin write his memoirs, was named to replace Chubais as chief of staff yesterday. However, no other positions were filled immediately. Yeltsin's decree appeared aimed

at circumventing the hard-line parliament, which must approve the president's choice of a new prime minister, according to the constitution.

By keeping Chemomyrdin on the job, Yeltsin can reshuffle the rest of the cabinet without seeking approval from Communists and other opponents in parliament.

The cabinet was formed only eight months ago after Yeltsin won re-election in July to a four-year term.



Rebels occupy Albania's

Sir Paul

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which practically every Albanian family lost money.

The rebellion was sparked by

In the public thind, Berisha's Democratic Party was deeply associated with the funds. The names of some investment companies appeared oo Democratic Party campaign posters, and state television practically every night

Political parties apparently are getting out of the game," Majko said. "It's a very grave situation, we don't have contact with our local leaders (in the south)." Plagued by disunity and an incoherent program, the opposition has yet to pot forth a single leader one who could challeoge Berisha.

McKinnon initially described

We are in the process of inves-

the shootings as an attempted bank

rohbery hut later said it was not.

tigating to see if in fact there is the

possibility of someone else being

LETTER

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I had requested permission and

intended to fly President Arafat

myself, in Jordan's official State

Tristar, to the Palestinian airport

of Gaza as I had requested earlier,

during my Hebron intervention,

to fly by a fixed wing aircraft.

accepting your refusal then only

involved," McKinnon said.

Gunman storms

Detroit bank, kills four

pomp and solemnity.

tionize pop music.

But outside the palace, it was just like the old days as central London was treated to the screaming adulation that marked Beatlemania in the 1960s.

Hundreds of tourists and dic-hard fans of the Fab Four, wearing Beatles t-shirts and badges, gathered outside the palace gates for a glimpse of McCartney. As they waited they sang old Beatles songs and played Beatles cassettes on sound systems.

The crowds screamed as McCartney swept through the gates in his chauffeur-driven limousine and he answered with a thumbs-up.

On the way out he lowered the car window to smile and wave to the fans. His wife Linda, who is fighting breast cancer, and his four children were not with him. McCartney admitted he was very nervous before the ceremony but said it had been a great experience.

Sir Paul McCartney poses with his award yesterday at **Buckingham Palace.**

"Proud to be British, wonderful day and it's a long way from a little terrace (street) in Liverpool," he told reporters. It was the second trip to

Buckingham Palace for McCartney, 54, who has made an estimated £400 million (NIS2 bil-

lads such as Yesterday and catchy pop songs like Band on the Run. Along with the other Beatles, McCartney collected an MBE medal in 1965 - and shocked the stuffy British establishment by joking that the band had smoked mar-

(Member of the British Empire) ijuana in the palace toilets.

lion) fortune from his talent for bal-

because there were far more important issues at hand.

response this time. I believed it would have helped improve the atmosphere considerably, but alas, it was not to be. Now, suppose I had taken off nonetheless for Gaza, in the full right of a frieod, then would you have ordered my fellow pilots in the Israeli Air Force - those who escorted me on the same aircraft over Israel in what became known

"The peace process is going The prime minister writes, through a crisis, a real crisis," Kabaniti said following his meeting with Mordechai, adding that

On a personal level, Netanyahu writes, "I have always appreciated the courage and resolve with which you have helped keep the peace process alive. I hold you in the highest esteem and I value your friendship and understanding. That is why I must confess that I am baffled by the personal level of the attacks against me."

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai claimed after his meeting with Hussein in Amman yesterday that he had been able to smooth over tensions.

Senior defense officials said that Mordechai was advised not to travel to Amman yesterday, but he decided to go ahead with the trip, which had already been postponed two weeks ago, in order not to deepen the rift with the Jordanians."

Earlier, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti said the peace process was facing a crisis and hinted that Jordan could suspend its moves to normalize ties with Israel.

as the 'First Flight of Peace' - it seems so long ago - to prevent me I anticipated your positive forcibly from landing or worse? Yon will never know how close

you came to having to make a decision on the subject had I, on this occasion, not planned to carry guests back home. How can I work with you as a partner and true friend in this confused and confusing atmosphere when I sense an intent to destroy all I worked to huild between our peoples and states. Stubbornness over

Hussein would ask US President

Bill Clinton to press Israel to recon-

sider its moves to build on Har

Homa at a White House meeting set

"No normal ties can be established

with Jordan ... so long as Jerusalem

is targeted and settlements are being

constructed," Kabariti told parlia-

However, an upbeat Mordechai

said relations had their ups and

downs, but in the long run tensions

would subside and peace would

reign not only among Israel and

Jordan, Egypt, and the Palestinians, but also with other Arab countries as

"In my eyes, and in the eyes of the

king, we have to strengthen the

process and progress and find all

possible ways to overcome the

obstacles," Mordechai said. "I was

very much impressed with the

king's determination, faith, and

readiness to help in every way in

order to progress in the region to a

"We didn't talk about any mes-

totally different situation.

for March 18.

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well

real issues is one thing, but for its own sake, I wonder. In any event, I have discovered that you have your own mindset and appear in no need for any advice from a friend.

I deeply regret having to write you this personal message but it is my sense of responsibility and concern which has prompted me for posterity to do so in the face of the unknown. Sincerely, Hussein

sages. We talked about the situation now and the future."

Just as he had in his visit to Egypt in December, Mordechai was able to forge a rapport with the Jordanian leadership. Mordechai said his private talk

with the king, which had been scheduled for just a quarter of an hour but stretched to over 50 minutes, was very warm and friendly.

"Things which [King Hussein] told me in private certainly strengthened in me that the peace between us is so strong and stable and based on faith and interests and good relations that no one can bother it."

Liat Collins adds:

After news of the letter spread through the Knesset, opposition MKs launched an attacked on Netanyahu yesterday, while he was in Moscow.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said: "The prime minister has turned into a strategic threat on the security and wellbeing of the state. He has completely lost the confidence of even those who were happy he was elected."

Several MKs submitted urgent motions to the agenda on the letter.

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DETROIT (AP) - A gunman Napolean said. shouting religious passages opened fire at a bank yesterday, killing four people before he was shot dead hy police.

The man shot one person outside a Comerica bank branch, theo stormed inside and started firing. Police Chief Isaiah McKinnco. said.

Two of the dead were shot inside the bank as an employee hit an alarm, McKinnon said.

"It appears as if we have a person who walked in to kill," McKinnon said.

The gunman theo grabbed a hostage; ran outside and shot the hostage before he exchanged fire with police and was killed. McKinnon said. No police officers were injured.

Inside the bank, the man was shouting religious passages and asking people to recite the Lord's Prayer, Deputy Chief Benny

BLOODSHED Continued from Page 1

dus of hapless Palestinians from theirs, and their ancestors, borneland and bury the peace process for all times."

. "On the question of your withdrawal from territories you have committed Israel, before the US. Jordan, and the world to complete the process by mid-1998, what good did it serve to offer such an insignificant first phase withdrawal? Why the apparent continued deliberate humiliation of your so called Palestinian partners? Can any worthwhile relationship thrive in the absence of mutual respect and frust?"

In response, Netanyahn writes, "We cannot make the Jordanian-Israeli relationship hostage to the Palestinian-Israeli negotiating track. We cannot give every Palestinian-Israeli impasse the power to hurt our own relationship."

Netanyahu rebuts Hussein's claims that last week's cabinet decision on a pullback in the West Bank was insignificant.

"despite tremendous resistance from some in my own constituency, I have chosen the path of the Oslo process."

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Strategic depth

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat claims there is a "deep crisis" in Palestinian-Israeli relations. It is a crisis of his own making, without real justification. If it becomes violent, Arafat must not be allowed to succeed in shifting the hlame to Israel for the collapse of peace process, as he did after the violence in September.

The violent riots surrounding the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit were the legacy of a previous phase in the diplomacy of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's new government: the unilateral phase. At that time, Netanyahu thought he could dictate events - he would decide when to meet with Arafat, when to withdraw from Hebron, and when to take controversial steps concerning Jerusalem.

Arafat succeeded in putting an end to Netanyahu's unilateralist phase when be sparked the violence in September and diverted all the hlame on Netanyahu. At that time, Arafat's grievance that the process had reached a dead end rang true enough to hring global condemnation on Israel's head.

Netanyahu extracted himself from this fullcourt press only through intense negotiations, ending with not only a commitment to leave most of Hebron, but also to Oslo's three further withdrawals.

Along the way, bowever, Netanyahu began to leave his cabinet behind him.

By handcuffing himself to Oslo, Netanyahn got the world temporarily off his back, hut at the price of alienating much of his own cabinet. Netanyahu's solution was to unveil a new approach: the pairing phase.

Controversial decisions would be balanced against each other. Netanyahu would build a Jewish neighborhood on Har Homa in Jerusalem; but this decision would be balanced with a substantial, not symbolic, first-of-three Oslo withdrawals.

So far, so good. The only problem is that the Palestinians are not playing along. Rather than considering the proposed Israeli withdrawal from 9 percent of the territories (including 2 percent from Area C) as adequate payment for Har Homa, the Palestinians added it to their list of grievances. According to the Palestinians, the withdrawal should not have been determined by Israel unilaterally and should have encompassed about 30 percent of the territory. Neither interpretation has any basis within Oslo, even according to the United States, which has publicly called the withdrawal "credible." The reason for the failure of Netanyahu's new pairing technique to move forward smoothly is not hard to understand. Two unilateral acts, even if they are within Israel's rights and are meant to balance each other, do not add up to an agreement with the Palestinians. And it is natural for the Palestinians not to accept without opposition Israel's interpretation of what should

satisfy their interests.

It is also fair, bowever, for Israel to expect that there will be no repetition of the violent reaction in September, which was not justified at that time, and would be much less so now that Israel has taken numerous concrete steps to cement its commitment to the process.

If anything, it is Israel, not the Palestinians, who should be feeling "humiliated" at its partner's lack of commitment to the spirit of Oslo. Since the Hebron agreement was signed, Israel bas taken the painful and politically problematic steps of releasing Palestinian women prisoners and announcing a further withdrawal from an area that is larger than the Gaza Strip. In this period, Israel has violated neither the letter, nor the spirit of Oslo, and has been trying to negotiate with Palestinians further outstanding issues of Oslo in numerous committees.

The Palestinians, for their part, bave shown no public willingness to fulfill any of the commitments they made in the Hebron Accord, which are in any case simply reiterations of commitments made in Oslo. Is Israel the only side that must show good will, build trust, and engage in confidence-huilding measures?

On top of this, there is another problem with the pairing technique: It satisfies neither the Palestinians nor the rightist opposition within Netanyahu's coalition. In fact, hy clearly trying to please both sides, it reinforces the impression that the government will bow to pressure.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who knows a thing or two about dealing with pressure, voted against Netanyahu in the cabinet for the first time on the proposed withdrawal. He did so, not on the grounds of specifics, but because of a lack of strategy, "Whoever draws up a strategy will be the winner, and whoever bases his approach on tactical steps alone acts on the basis of pressure, and will lose in the end," Sharansky told The New York Times.

The formation of a strategy is not a panacea. In principle, strategy is neither necessary nor sufficient to resist pressure. According to an interview with MK Yossi Beilin in Ha'aretz, neither Yitzhak Rabin nor Shimon Peres had much of a strategy, yet they did not face the kind of pressures that surround the Netanyahu government,

Rabin and Peres had the good fortune of implementing the easier part of Oslo - withdrawing from the main concentrations of Arab



Without Jerusalem

The hullabaloo worldwide over Israel's enormity in deciding to build a housing project in its capital city should send an urgent warning to Israel's political leaders. They and their predecessors have persistently failed to confront the part played hy the Christian world, not to mention traditional antisemitism, in supporting the Moslem Arabs' monstrous claim to "ownership" of Jerusalem,

One of the great changes effected by the rise of Zionism, and accelerated by the establishment of the Jewish state, was the transference, by and large, of the thrust of antisemitism from the individual Jew as a non-person to the Jew as an equal, with a national state like everybody else.

Most acrively bostile to Zionism has been the Catholic church, for whom the central element in the situation created hy restored Jewish sovereignty has been the fear of Jewish dominion over Jerusalem.

It is a real and understandable fear,

Jewish rule over the Christian holy places constitutes a direct challenge to the almost preternatural assertion that (because of the Jews' rejection of Jesus) no Jewish polity would or could ever arise again in Jerusalem.

If, as in 1967, the church found itself confronted by actual Jewish rule in Jerusalem, it has naturally sought ways and means to hreak that hold.

This does not mean that other Christian denominations have not been similarly guilty (remember how they all "stood by" when the Arahs in the Old City under Jordan systematically ravaged ancient Jewish graveyards and destroyed every synagogue in sight). But in this respect a vast gulf separates the religious establishment from the lay masses. Indeed, among Israel's good friends are devout Christians of all denominations. This generation, moreover, has seen the growth of a great movement in non-mainstream Christianity which has become a redoubtable ally in Israel's struggle with its many enemies. It does not, however, command the corridors of power. On the morrow of the Holocaust, the Christian nations, among them those who had refused to help save Jews - who could have been saved - from the Nazi inferno, agreed at the newly formed United Nations to sponsor

SHMUEL KATZ

Nobody, from the pope down-ward, through calculating politi-cians and tendentious media capital of the Jewish people. It was to be "internationalized." down to the last Arab propagandist, has been able to produce a single text in the Holy Koran con-Through successive vicissitudes, and as a result of a defeated Arab taining even a mention of aggression, Israel finally gained Jerusalem's name; nor any hapcontrol of its ancient capital. pening in bistory since then, to Most of the Christian govern-

accord the remotest justification ments, admittedly following the for this claim. lead of the American government, Without Jerusalem not an iota would be changed in the texture

of Islam, or in the personal life of ... not an iota would the Arab or any other Moslem. He would continue to pray in the direction of Mecca, as he has always done.

But can you imagine Christianity without Jerusalem? Can one even conceive Judaism. or the daily life of any conscious Jew, if bis Jerusalem were

this grotesque untruth.

removed from his orbit? The enormity of the sin envis-aged by the Christian collaborawithout Jerusalem?

tors of the Moslems was reflected in the pithy summing up by the British (Christian) writer and hisrefused and continue to refuse to recognize Israel's right to torian, Christopher Sykes: Jerusalem.

They all know the Bible, which dramatically records, and presages, the centrality of the city throughout Jewish history; which is not Jerusalem hut a certain site in Jerusalem, which is venerated... the majestic Dome of the reflects its passionate relation-Rock. To a Moslem, there is a ship, going back 3,000 years, not profound difference between only with the Jewish nation, but Jerusalem and Mecca or Medina. The latter are holy places containwith the Jewish individual, his daily life and occasions. ing holy sites. Apart from the hal-

lowed rock, Jerusalem has no Yet neither the Bible nor the modern mandate for Palestine major Islamic significance." which reaffirmed that unique historic connection in legal terms;

It has often been suggested that the American promotion of the Arab-Moslem claim was born of

mony which must be recalled.

When in 1917, the British gov-

It is not enough for Israel to

reassert its exclusive sovereignty

in Jerusalem. What our govern-

ment must make clear is its

any interference in the execution

of that right - no less than the US

London, or Saudi Arahia in

The writer's biography of Ze'ev Jabotinsky has been published in

Riyadh or Mecca.

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"To the Moslems," he wrote "it

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The Likud didn't invent bostility to the media. Ben-Gurion in his time attacked two newapaper editors. He called one a snake, and the other a fool - and this was before the Lavon Affair, when he got really bet np over the media.

Golda Meir talked about "the daily cup of poison" the media served up. In Yitzhak Rahin's first term as premier, his supporters claimed TV's satirical Cleaning the head hrought him down.

Yet none of this compares with Likud government battles with the media.

Prime minister Menachem Begin once advised his TV interviewers "to hold onto your red notebooks." He was alluding to the charge that the press was dominated by a "leftist Mafia."

Defense minister Ariel Sbaron frequently complained about the tyranny of the media," while deputy finance minister Ychezkel Flumin demanded that only officially recognized journalists be permitted to publish. Several MKs even demanded that journalists who published "incorrect" reports be tried and jailed.

All Netanyahn and his bench-. men have done is increase the volume and intensity of attacks. They bave charged that journalism is the only profession where you aren't required to bave prior formal training; that journalists aren't beld accountable; that. when editorial boards or the Press Council (rarely) reprimand *

them, no punishment is attached. They forget that Israel has one of the most draconian libel laws in the free world, to which public figures, like anyone else, have recourse, and overlook the fact that when a journalist is inexact, or guilty of a real smear, the damage is significantly less

is it the press or the politicians who go unpunished for their excesses?

than that of a physician who diagnoses wrongly, a surgeon who leaves a clamp inside his patient, a pilot who makes a miscalculation, or even a plumber who forgets to close off a pipe.

They also tend to forget that, unlike ministers and other politicians, "media tyrants" have no means of imposing their "tyranny." They lack the power to invade Lebanon, raise taxes, and open tunnel exits, leading to riots. The media can only rail against such actions; and our democratically-elected politicians don't have to pay attention.

change in any Moslem's life. But can you imagine Christianity, or the life of any

conscious Jew,

population, without impinging on Israeli settlements or even formally giving up sovereignty. As Israel approaches the gut-wrenching final status issues, it is dangerous to rely on nimhle tactics to extract the nation from each briar patch as it comes along.

So long as the Netanyahu government has no clear destination, let alone a strategy for getting us there, it will attract and be susceptible to pressure from all sides.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Laws preventing Shabbat open-

ing of stores must be enforced and

must cover areas outside of the

cities (such as industrial zones). We

can not allow the situation where

we need legislation to protect for

Shabbat observers the right to work.

The Israeli market place is just so

big. If all of the stores are closed on

Saturday, the same amount of buy-

ing will be done in six days instead

of seven. Twenty years ago, people

complained about not being able to

go on trips because there were no

busses on Saturday. Now they will

seems to have forgotten that in the

same war, Egypt sent an invading force. In May 1948, this force,

including tanks, reached Kibbutz

Ramat Rachel, adjoining Talpiot

just one mile from Har Homa, In

the ensuing battles, the kibbutz

changed hands, was destroyed and

The hill itself was never culn-

vated, serving as grazing ground, as its Arabic name "Jabl-el-

Ranem" implies. Seventy-five percent of the expropriated area is

Rooting out corrupt officials will be a start, but such efforts need to be

followed by efforts to ensure that a

much larger number of people who

wish to convert be allowed to do so.

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Tel Aviv.

DAVID M. ARLAN

THE MONSTER

Sir, - Three years ago on a visit to New York someone asked me why I had moved to Israel. [replied that while observance of the Sabbath in the work place is guaranteed by law in the United States, I did not need to be caught in a situation where a person who did not observe Shahbat and had waited many years to get enough seniority to get Saturday off, might be bumped from his Saturday day off so that I might observe the Sabbath. In Israel businesses are closed on Saturday and therefore that could not happen.

not have any complaints because The monster is following me! mommy or daddy will have to This past Friday I saw an ad in The work on Shabbat anyway! Jerusalem Post for a company seeking a salesperson who must be willing to work on Shabbat.

Rehovot NO MOUNTAIN

Sir, - "Har Homa," the hottest name in the news, is neither a mountain nor a wall. (In Hebrew "Homa" means a massive wall in a city or fortress). The name Har Homa was given to it by the commanders of Israel's No. 16 Jerusalem Brigade. The disputed site is a round hill with a small stone fence which was part of the Arab Legion front against southern Jerusalem. The trenches of the Legion can still be seen on the site. From this ridge of hills stretching to Beit Jalla, the Arab Legion shelled the city during the War of Independence. President Mubarak. who harshly criticized Israel's aggressive stand on Jerusalem,

BRIBES FOR CONVERSIONS Sir, - The shocking scandal of bribes in return for conversions to Judaism reveals a terrible situation. Orthodox religious authorities on the one hand refuse to recognize non-Orthodox converts and, on the other, refuse to allow large numbers of sincere and serious people

LAWRENCE J. EPSTEIN, to convert. This squeeze has led to the corruption we have seen. Stony Brook, New York.

Sir, - I've heard of plans to crect a monument to the memory of the 73 soldiers killed in the helicopter disaster. I would like to suggest that instead of a monument - of which there are already so many, and most of them an eyesore - a public garden or park should be dedicated to their memory. A monument is a dead thing, a

LIVING MONUMENT

garden is a living thing. The Louis Promenade on the Carmel is a splendid example of such a living monument dedicated hy parents to the memory of their son. Haifa, for example, is full of green wadis that could easily be turned into public parks. A plain stone - in some central position in the park - inscribed with the

names of the 73, is all that is required to perpetuate their memory. To such a place people would come, relax, and remember. H. SOPHER

Haifa.

ACT OF TERROR

Sir. - The media has a responsibility to give the facts regarding the threats of violence and intifada that are being used constantly against the people of Israel by the Palestinian Authority. The project at Har Homa was approved by two previous governments of Israel. It is vitally necessary to provide housing to both the Jewish and Arab populations. Faisal Husseini, the Palestinian

Jerusalem leader and other Palestinian leaders used threats of violence to force Israel to abandon the safety and security of its citizens. Israel pursues peace but no sovereign nation can be under threat all the time. It is an act of terror to constantly threaten terror.

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Forest Hills, N.Y.

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state in a part of Palestine. Excluded from the envisaged sovereignty was the city of Jerusalem, the time-hallowed

POSTSCRIPTS

THE DISNEY CO. is experimenting with tiny hidden cameras inside the costumes of some of the characters who greet guests at its amusement parks.

"People are grabbing at them all the time," said Rich Baker, Disney's director of creative costuming. "The characters gel knocked down. Sometimes they are literally pummeled by teenagers."

Encased in bulky headpieces, most of Disney's costumed characters bave a limited view of the crowd around them during their 30-minute walking tours.

Handlers with walkie-talkies are nearby, but problems still occur. Children yank the tails of Pluto and Simba, sometimes hard enough to rip them off. Sometimes, they throw up on the expensive, handmade costumes. And performers who play Snow White must be trained to deal with men who occasionally grope them or talk dirty.

The new video cameras are as small as ballpoint pens and can be hidden in almost any decoration. The performer inside the costume wears special glasses that show the camera's view in the corner of one lens.

neither logic, nor common decency, nor even - now in the US - the the usual moral considerations decision of the legislature to petrodollars, oil, Saudi Arabian transfer its embassy to Israel's and other Arab markets. This, capital has been strong enough to however, does not tell the whole overcome the prejudice of execustory. There is much earlier testitive government.

THE most brilliant maneuver of emment issued the Balfour official America and of the Declaration and asked US European countries in promoting President Wilson to subscribe to it, he was advised hy secretary of their own prejudice bas been state Robert Lansing not to do so: simply to ignore the unimpeach-able Jewisb truth, and to "Many Christian sects and indiemhrace the fantastic hoax of a viduals," he wrote, "would Moslem religious overruling undouhtedly resent turning the right and an Arab overruling Holy Land over to the absolute control of the race credited with political claim. the death of Christ ...

They have actively and relentlessly collaborated with the Arabs in injecting a flagrantly rootless mendacity into ongoing history which, they insist, must supersede the Jewish truth.

It was an American president who, when Israel had regained the Old City of Jerusalem from the Jordanians, described it as "occuthe establishment of a tiny Jewish pied Arab territory." Persistent propaganda has widely planted the notion that Jerusalem is "a city holy to three faiths." Even the pope, in a recent speech, repeated

> CHARGING WOMEN more than HE MAY NOT have had the ideal men for haircuts - a common job for a man with his condition: he was a pilot - and he's afraid of practice in New York City and heights. A Danish passenger jet made an emergency landing when the co-pilot, whose name ly to the City Council. was not released, broke into a sweat and told the pilot he was afraid of heights.

gender pricing." The Maersk Air flight from Birmingham, England, to Milan, with 49 passengers aboard, was aborted when the co-pilot, who was in his thirties and had been flying professionally since 1989, informed the pilot that he was "frightened of

the altitude" as the aircraft was passing over Moulins, France. The co-pilot continued "to show symptoms of anxiety and stress" and refused oxygen, so the pilot elected to make an emergency landing in Lyon. The co-

clean With this law, women will no Maersk spokeswoman said. "1 longer suffer the double indignity don't believe he is flying any of both earning less at work and more and I'm not sure what work paying more in stores," said Green.

The biggest lie is the one that says only journalists go unpunished for their failures.

True, only rarely is a journalist fired for carelessness or for intentional libel, and he cannot be deprived of his press card.

But how many physicians actually have their licenses revoked for professional neglect, botching operations, or diagnosing wrongly? Ditto how many lawyers, teachers (except) when they sleep with their students), drivers, private investigators, or other professionals? Rather, it is politicians and senior officials who enjoy special immunity.

YEAR in, year out, the State Comptroller's Report lists, ad nauseam, the latest crop of illegal acts, excesses of authority, insensitive behavior, sheer neglect and stupidity perpetrated by ministers and other public servants.

How many of these miscreants have ever been fired or brought before administrative tribunals? Ministers and public officials suspected of criminal acts are often put on trial. But the nnmber of public servants suspected C

of "political" or "administrative" misdemeanors and brought to trial is much smaller than the number of journalists who have been reprimanded by their editora or by the Joarnalists Association, or who have been charged and tried for libel-

Just as the public can "punish" an erring politician by withholding its vote, so it can punish an irresponaible newspaper by not buying it.

Quite a number of readers have cancelled subscriptions to papers they perceive as being too left," too right," or "too pomographic."

Canceling a newspaper subscription is every bit as drastic a vote of no confidence as not yoting for a politician or a party that has "sold out on Eretz Israel," or "unjustifiably" raised taxes.

The writer is a veterari journalist.

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and left the airline.

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elsewhere - would become illegal under legislation proposed recent-The bill would ban yet another nasty '90s social impropriety,

In a survey of 200 hair salons around the city, 48.5 percent charged women more than men for a basic haircut. The average price of a man's haircut was \$13.75, compared with \$16.20 for

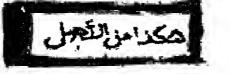
a woman's haircut. "Gender-pricing" was also evident in dry cleaners, which charge women 30 percent more than men, and there is a two-infive chance women are charged more than men by used car deal-

"The co-pilot had been with us

"Women do not get more service -they just pay more for the same service," Public Advocate Mark Green said. "Enough

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FEATURES

GRAPEVINE Hospital benefit a 'Dutch treat'

By GREER FAY CASHBIAN

TOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the overwhelming I N majority of foreign missions are not located in the capital, most foreign diplomats whose children are born in Israel prefer to have them delivered in Jerusalem, and those that do usually opt for Misgav Ladach hospital. Among them are Dotch Amhassador Christiaan Kroner and his wife Harriet, who soon after the birth of their first child, a daughter, hösted a Misgav Ladach benefit dinner and concert at their Herzliya Pituah residence.

That would explain why Dr. Michael Stark, the hospital's medical director and head of its gynecology and obstetrics department arrived a day early. No, he didn't confuse the dates on his calendar, he just wanted to check on the baby. He was back again the following night along wide a host of other dignitaries who incloded Leah Rabin, shipping magnate Eli Schalit and his wife Ana; Professor Ali Qleibo, Palestinian Authority delegate to Japan and his wife Helena, the former Costa Rican ambassador to Israel; Dr.

not in the same political camp as most of the other invitces, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was also on hand to join the celebrations

A JERUSALEM landmark for nearly 60 years, Cafe Atara, closed last year to make way for Burger King. When Uri Greenspan, grandson of Atara's founder, pledged to open another outlet close to the famous eatery's original site, few people really helieved him. But true to his promise, he's opening up next month just a block away from his old stomping ground on the ruins of Cafe Alno, another famous capital landmark which closed soon after Atara.

THE CUTS that Jerusalem Post business editor Amotz Asa-El usually has in mind are of a fiscal nature. But last Sunday, his mind was on the unkindest cut of all when he and his wife Nurit celebrated the circumcision of their son Aviad. To his credit, the baby went through the ordeal like a true hero of Israel and hardly made a peep.

WELL KNOWN though he may be, Harrison Ford had a few uncomfortable moments when he went to

When the teller asked for some ID.

Ford had nothing with him to prove

his identity. Wanting to be helpful,

the teller asked Ford to name his

best on-screen friend in Star Wars.

Ford promptly supplied the correct

answer and was able to make his

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HEN Brandeis University WHEN Brandeis University President Dr. Jehuda Reinharz talks about the American Jewish community, he sounds like a doctor trying to get a patient to give up smoking: he knows what the problem is, he just has to get his patient to do something about it. As head of the prestigious

Jewish-sponsored but non-sectarian university, recently voted number one in a poll of US universities (excluding lvy League ones), Reinharz feels uniquely qualified to make a prognosis, and equally determined to see to it that the patient heeds his advice. Couching his concern in Biblical terms, Reinharz, the first Israeli-born president of a major US university, speaks of "the three makot," or plagues, that threaten American Jewry: drift, intelevance and barri-

Too many are "simply drifting away," he says, with committed Jews more interested in volunteering for non-Jewish causes than Jewish ones, and non-committed Jews lost because "when a Jew says he wants to go to synagogue on the High Holidays; we say: 'Only with a ticket "

He insists the way to overcome the irrelevance of Judaism to so many American Jews is "to make Judaism meaningful. What we have to figure out is how to get into the head of the new generation," whether that means via CDs, the Internet, or through providing more content to those Jews who are interested.

Lastly, he believes "we've placed barriers in the way of other Jews becoming Jews," and argues that we must "do everything we can" to try to bring in as many people as possible into the Jewish fold because, quite simply, "looking at it from a standpoint of Klal Yisrael, we can't afford to lose anyone

Offering figures to back his concern about the threat to American Jewry's future, he notes that in the 1960's, American Jewry totaled 3.3% of the American population. Today that figure has slumped to 2.1%. "We don't replace ourselves," he says, adding: "Being married to a Jew in the US is no guarance for continuity."

There are, no doubt, what he calls "pockets of strength," places like his own university, which has (together with Hadassah) established the first International Research Center on Jewish Women, ried by the numbers. And with antiand has the largest, most comprehensive Judaica facility outside of Israel. Of its 2,900 undergraduate ter of Israel's survival seemingly off and 1,000 graduate students, 60 ercent are Jewis and even non-Jews attending find that "the Judaic the community.



Reinharz: 'Three plagues threaten American Jewry: drift, irrelevance and barriers.'

Brandeis University president Dr. Jehuda Reinharz, prescribes cures for the problems ailing American Jewry. Arych Dean Cohen reports

aspect of learning permeates" their studies, according to Reinharz. Reinharz also talks of the attempts by American Jewry to "find a renaissance in one way or another," expressed in increased interest in adult education, day schools, and summer camps. But he's still wor-

> "We should stop trying to keep people out, and try instead to bring them into

the Jewish fold."

other, new problems to be confronted at home. One of the largest is the. rise of Islam in the US. Whereas in 1960 there were only 100,000 people identifying themselves as. Moslems in America, today that figure has spiraled to 6-8,000,000. Fourteen percent of all immigrants

to the US today are Moslems, and more people in the US convert to Islam than any other religion. It's "no coincidence" that President Bill Clinton recently went to pay homage to the Moslem community after the Ramadan fast, · says Reinharz

Drive through many major US cities, and you'll be struck by the increasing number of mosques, be says."We have to wake up and realize Judaism is not one of the major semitism, Soviet Jewry and the matreligions in the US," he says, noting that the improved political position the agenda, "a search is on today for for Moslems engendered by these cations for Israel."

Reinbarz's strategy for dealing He believes that in fact this is with the rise of Islam in the US is "to partly an excuse cited for a drop inbecome informed. We have to try to interest in Israel, and that there are forge alliances with the Moslem community." He does not believe that community is at beart fundamentalist, and believes American Jews and Moslems have some points

"We have to try to forge

alliances with the Moslem community.

in common. The Moslems are alsowonried about assimilation and discrimination," he says.

PRESERVING THE American Jewish community means strengthv and one o

Just what the doctor ordered Israel. While citing figures showing that more than half of American Jews have never been to Israel, Reinharz is critical of the job that's been done with those who have come, especially young people.

"There are very few good pro-grams," he says. "We need a revo lution in the way we conceive of what makes Israel attractive to young people from abroad... I believe everyone who comes to Israel, unless they're dead from the shoulders up, can't not feel impacted. But this fades with time. It can't be done as a one-time shot in the arm," says Reinharz, 52 who was born in Haifa and emigrated with his family first to Germany, then to the US.

Specifically, he says, "we need content," and those planning the programs should stop selling them based on the exotic hikes offered, and more on the types of texts that will be studied.

Reinharz, who is on the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, the executive committee and board of the Joint Distribution Committee, and the Holocaust Museum board, is convinced that we must build connections" "institutional between Israel and the American Jewish community. To that end he is extremely excited about the Ceoter for Ethics, Justice and Public Life being set up between Brandeis and the Jerusalem Foundation. The program will have two centers, in Waltham, the university's home town, and in Jerusalem. Reinharz, the first alumnus of Brandeis to become its president, hopes such programs will contribute to creating more "permanence" in that relationship. Are we one?" he asks, quoting

an ad campaign used recently by one major Jewish organization.

"We've never been one." Jewish history is marked by a fragmented approach, he says, and we should stop trying so hard to keep people out, and try instead to bring them in. As an example, he notes the high cost of day schools which is keeping young Jews from sending their children to them. "Why not make it possible for everyone to go?" he asks. "We have the money, but not the will."

Still, Reinharz is optimistic that uncommitted Jews can be reached, some through projects like "The Genesis Program." This new course of study, funded largely by Steven Spielberg, aims at bringing high-Their Jodaism to Brandeis, where they will integrate their other interests with Judaica, and has already received hundreds of applicants. Such projects, he believes, are just tor on



From right to left: Dutch Ambassador Kroner, Dr. Stark, Leah Rabin and Mrs. Kroner.

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adviser to the PNA's Ministry of the teller failed to recognize him. the press or Health, and Yedida Lahay, whose grandfather was one of the soliticians who founders of Misgav Ladach. The Kroners have previously hosted mounished for kosher catered functions in support of Misgav Ladach, Beit Issie Shapiro and other worthwhile. causes. · · · · ·

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Laurel and Hardy will be Cruise and John Travolta. Guess who's going to step into whose shoes?

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Laure! and Hardy? years been Tom Cruise (left) and John Travolta. frequented. Leab

tempestoous years together without the Rabin, and the late Yitzhak Rabin used to play there as well. Because benefit of marriage, Farrah Fawcett, 50, and Ryan O'Neal, this maniage was the second time 55, have decided to call it quits. around for both, the bride nixed the idea of a wedding gown and chose to wear a pants suit, which, though Previously married to Lee. Majors, Fawcett took up with O'Neal, once a close friend of it didn't quite go with her tiered well, was a concession to tradition. Majors's, when the latter asked him to look after her while he Limited to some 40 relatives and was away. The Fawcett/O'Neal close friends, the guest list was top unico produced a son, 12, and heavy with Yitzhak Rabin's closest lots of fights provoked by polincal and military cronies, such O'Neal's frequent dalliances with other tinsel-town lovelies. The couple have split up before. But the current rift, they say, is Annon Lipkin-Shahak. While for keeps.

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the pillars of that identity has been American Jewry.

Getting your child into the homework habit

By RUTH MASON

PARENTING

y nine-year-old won't do his homework. What Can I do? Tom Gumpel, PhD, lecturer, department of special education, School of Education, Hebrew

University, answers: Israeli teachers tend to give a lot of homework and homework will not go away. Your child oceds to

realize this. Uotil your son can do his homework independently, it may be necessary for a parent or someone else to sit with him while he does his homework. If it is a parent who does this, it is important that it be the parent who has the least rocky. most solid relationship with the child, not just the parent who hap-

it calm. If it's going to be con-frontational, it will be detrimental, If doing homework together turns . into a source of friction, yoo should consider getting a private tutor, a "big brother" or a highschool student to do it with the child

Any time there are homework problems, it is important to discuss it with the child at a time when there is no homework involved, and to come to some kind of general understanding that there is a problem and together you need to think of ways to solve it. The worst time to have this discussion is while the child is trying to do bomework.

You need to agree on a set time to do homework. Don't wait until

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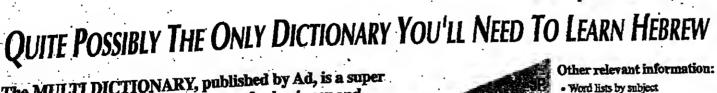
judo. He'll be too tired. It's best to give the child some time to eat and relax a bit when he comes home from school. It must be clear that homework then comes instead of any other privilege. If he doesn't do his homework, the privileges will wait. It's often a good idea to make a behavioral contract with the child. Most children in Israel get homework five days a week. Post a calendar on the fridge and have the child mark an 'X' on each day that he has done his homework. And reward his successes. Arrange the contract so that success is attainable at the very begin-

pens to be home at the time. Keep 7 p.m. when he comes back from ning. In other words, let the initial criteria be a little too easy, because you need to hook your fish. You might offer a small reward for every two days of homework done.

> Before you start a bomework session, it's a good idea to go through the assignments with the child and set op the order in which the work will be done. One helpful trick is to put two empty bowls in front of the child, count out the oumber of problems or questions he has to do and place that number of marbles in one bowl. Each time he finishes a problem, he takes a marble out of the full bowl and

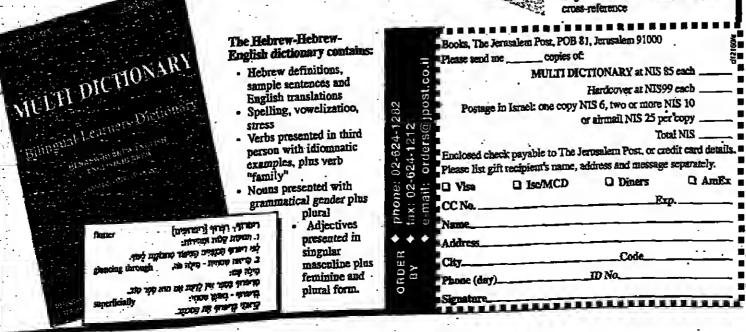
puts it in the empty one. You can also use jelly beans or M&Ms and let the child eat them when he finishes the problems. Kids love this. People learn best when they feel they've been effective. The chart and the marbles show the kids they've been effective. Children who have trooble doing homework need a lot of reinforcement. Children only learn internal con-

tiol after having external control built around them. Your presence, the contract and the marbles act as a kind of a scaffold for your child. Once he's in the swing of things, you can start to gradually remove some of these external controls.



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BUSINESS

in brief

February trade deficit at \$681m.

Israel's trade deficit totalled \$681 million in February, according to figures the Central Bureau of Statistics published yester-day. This compares to \$660m. last month and \$983m. in February 1996.

Imports stood at \$2.3 billion, with exports bringing in \$1.6b. These figures do not include trade with the Palestinian Authority

The decline in imports (excluding ships, airplanes, diamonds and fuel) that began in mid-1996 has continued. Between October and February, imports fell 0.8 percent a month, which represents a 9% annual rate. This is, however, a slower decline than the monthly 1.1% to 1.4% registered between May and September.

Meanwhile, exports increased a monthly 0.3% from October, against a 0.7% rise between May and August.

The overall deficit has shrunk some 2.3% a month of late, compared to a monthly 4.5% drop in the first half of last year. David Harris

No Gazprom meetings for PM

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is not meeting representatives of RAO Gazprom during his visit to Russia, his spokesman Shai Bazak told the Jerusalem Post last night. Media reports yesterday suggested Netanyahu would meet the chairman of the world's largest gas producer with a view to signing a deal to supply gas to Israel. David Ho David Harris

Ice-cream tariff vote postponed

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday postponed its vote on imposing levies on ice-cream imports, while it waits for responses from the relevant ministries.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Agriculture Ministry director-general Danny Krichman met in Jerusalem yesterday to discuss the issue.

As part of its policy of exposing the Israeli economy to foreign competition, the Treasury has lifted restrictions on icecream imports, but the Agriculture Ministry is backing farmers' claims that this is having a damaging effect on the domestic dairy industry.

The committee will vote in the coming days on a proposal from MK Shalom Simhon (Labor) to recommend the Treasury tax imported ices.

The suggestion has received widespread support from coalition MKs. David Harris

COMPANY RESULTS

Elbit's revenues down 41%

Elbit Ltd. reported \$33.6 million in sales for 1996, compared to \$57.4m. in 1995.

Net losses for the year remained steady at \$11.3m.

The company said the drop in revenue was the result of continued losses in the company's television division. Elbit, which also manufactures telecommunications equipment, is currently debating the future of the division.

The company's fourth-quarter sales totalled \$10m. in 1996, the same figure for the corresponding period one year ago.

Net losses for the quarter were down from \$4.8m. last year to \$3.4m.

Morgan Stanley admits Koor purchase error Wall Street firm bought 1.8% of Koor, not 8.77%

By DAVID HARRIS

The Morgan Stanley Group purchased only a 1.8 percent share in Koor Industries, and not 8.77% as was announced on Wall Street on Monday.

"There was an inaccuracy in the conversion rate." said company spokesman John Diat, admitting the error.

According to the company, it incorrectly filed the transaction with the stock exchange register and regulator - the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The error was in the conversion of American depositary receipts, which several funds in Morgan Stanley's asset management unit purchased, into ordinary shares.

Morgan Stanley actually purchased some 1.3 million ADRs, rather than the 1.3 million shares, as

published in the Israeli media vesterday. An amended filing was scheduled to be regis-

tered in Washington overnight. In terms of the reasons for Morgan Stanley eyeing Koor as a worthwhile investment, the compa-ny was unable to elaborate. "We don't formally cover Koor as a stock," said the firm's London spokesman Ewart Glendinning. The company does not have an analyst specifically designated to

Koor's spokesman refused to comment, saying he is bound by legal considerations.

Morgan Stanley's main interests include invest-

Israel, but one who covers a number of countries.

ment banking, asset management, sales and trad-ing. Annual tumover reached \$13.1 billion last year, more than 40% higher than in 1995, with a third of all revenues coming from international markets.

The New York-based company is recognized as the world's leading mergers-and-acquisitions consultant, and the third largest global under-

This deal means that Koor, Israel's largest and most profitable private company is now some 26% foreign-owned, with US-based corporation Sharmock holding 20% of shares and leading Egyptian industrialist Ibrahim Kamel having recently bought 5% (according to the Financial Times), through his Cairo-based Kato group.



Coal clash

German coal miners jump a police barricade yesterday to enter the area of Bonn where many government offices are located. About 20,000 miners converged on Bonn to protest plans to trim coal subsidies. (Reuter) Revlon quits Israel after 36 years

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Revion, the New York-based, beauty-products company, has decided it will close its manufacturing activity bere, primarily because of the limited market and high labor costs, a senior manager for Revion Israel said yesterday. Revion bas been in Israel since. 1961, making it one of the most veteran international firms here. The toiletries and cosmetics manufacturer employs a total of 150 workers here, including marketing and sales people.

Over the course of the last few years, Revion Israel has undergone a reorganization process, that has involved a reduction in production activity and increase in imported products.

Most of the company's sales to the local market consist of imported products.

The decision to terminate local manufacturing activities is part of the concern's recent strategy to concentrate : manufacturing in fewer countries.

Meanwhile, many other international firms recently have established a presence here in an anticipation that the market will-grow as a result of the peace process.

Revion emphasized it is not pulling its business out of Israel, explaining that it intends to maintain its import and distribution operations.

Revion had every intection of continuing to build its business in this country," a spokesperson for the company said yesterday. "There is no lack of commit-

ment to the country of Israel or our business there," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said Revion intends to expand its workforce and activity in Israel in line with any growth in business.

It is expected that Revion will sell its property in Ashdod.

in the fourth quarter of 1996.

This was the first time since Elbit's demerger in which the company filed independent quarterly results.

In November, Elbit Ltd. spun-off into three independently traded companies. Elbit Systems Ltd. and Elbit Medical Imaging Ltd., manufacture defense and medical equipment, respectively. Jennifer Friedlin

Makhteshim-Agan net up sharply

Makhteshim-Agan, Koor's chemical arm, announced a 462 percent growth in fourth-quarter net profits to \$5 million, compared to \$0.9m. in the corresponding period last year.

The fourth-quarter improvement was mainly due to a one-time revenue of \$4m. resulting from a compromise agreement between Agan and the Brom group.

Net profits in 1996 increased 23% to \$30.4m., compared with \$24.8m. for 1995. Sales grew 22% last year to \$547.1m., compared with \$449.4m. in 1995.

Operating profits rose 24% in 1996 to \$62.3m.

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Fourth-quarter sales increased 45% to \$130.9m. In the fourth quarter of the year. operating earnings jumped 2,254%, to \$9.4m. compared to \$0.4m. in the same period last year.

Makhteshim said 1996 marks a turnaround in the company's performance.

In the reported period, the group acquired three overseas companies and established a South American subsidiary in Argentina.

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Carrier, Tadiran ink \$17.5m. deal

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Carrier has signed an agreement to purchase 26 percent of Tadiran Appliances for \$17.5 million from its parent company Tadiran, Tadiran informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. Carrier, considered the world's largest air-conditioning systems producer with 11% of the market. specializes in the manufacturing of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems and equipment. The concern's air-conditioner sales reached \$6 billion last year. Under the agreement, Carrier will be able to purchase another 3% of Tadiran Appliances's shares

at the market price. Carrier also has received an option enabling it to increase its holdings in Tadiran

Appliances to 51%. This option can be exercised during a three-year period, starting in three years' time. The option will be exercised at a price determined by Tadiran Appliances's market price during the previous three-year period and the company's book value at the time of the transaction.

Carrier and Tadiran entered talks about four months ago. The partnersbip agreement is part of Tadiran's policy to forge partnerships with leading international concerns in the expectation they

will assist in the development of existing markets and in entering new markets, Tadiran general manager Yisrael Zamir said. Carrier has investments in developed countries and in emerging markets, primarily in Asia.

Tadiran Appliances has suffered from increased competition in the air-conditioning market and a drop in demand for heaters in recent months. The company recently announced a fourth-quarter net loss of NIS 7m., compared with a net profit of NIS 2.3m. in the corresponding period last year. Net profit in 1996 fell to NIS 1.6m. from a profit of NIS 1.3m. in the previous year.

DA drops Ofer case

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK and BATSHEVA TSUR

The Tel Aviv District Attomey's Office has decided to close the criminal file against businessman Yuli Ofer due to lack of sufficient evidence to warrant charges, the Justice Ministry said vesterday. The file was connected to suspi-

cions that Ofer purchased and used classified information belonging to United Mizrahi Bank while submitting a bid in the tender for the purchase of the bank's controlling stake at the end of 1994. The information concerned Mizrahi's provisions and taxation condition. The information allegedly was acquired from Doron Rosensweig, a former Globes economic journalist for \$15,000.

At the end of February, the District Attorney's Office decided to close the file against Ofer due to lack of evidence. Ofer is among the country's leading businessmen; his interests range from banking and real estate to shipping and industry.

"Everything has been cancelled. Several years after purchasing the bank, the District Attorney's Office has cleared me of any suspicions enabling me to return to the bank," Ofer said.

Last week, the District Attomey's Office filed an indictment at the Tel. Aviv Magistrate's Court against Rosensweig, on suspicion that he received stolen confidential information.

The allegations against Ofer and Rosensweig were first brought to light shortly after the Ofer-Wertheim consortium submitted abid to gain a controlling interest in Mizrahi. As a result, the Bank of Israel's supervisor of banks held up the sale until the case was reviewed.

The Bank of Israel found that the information sold did not provide Ofer with an advantage over the competition, the Akirov Group, in the sale process. After the sale, the State Attorney's Office continued to investigate whether the purchase of the information was legal.

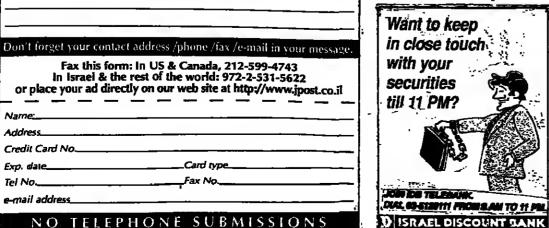
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Israeli firms, McDonnell Douglas win contract to study solar power

US aerospace giant McDonnell Douglas, along with Ormat Industries, Rotern Industries and the Weizmann Institute's Yeda Research and Development Company in the US, have won a \$5.3 million constract to demonstrate within three years the commercial feasibility of an advanced solar-power plant capable of producing tens of megawatts of electricity, the Weizmann Institute of Science this week reported.

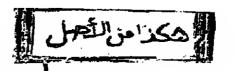


US-Israel Science and Technology Commission. The collaboration agreement was signed this week at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The system, developed by the Weizmann Institute, uses special

duces electricity. The Weizmann system contains a number of innovations, including a solar receiver with bundreds of ceramic pins arranged in a geometric pattern that maximizes the collection and use of sunlight. Much of the research was supported by the chief scientist's office in the then-Ministry of Energy (now Transport, Energy

and Infrastructure Ministry). Three years ago, US President Bil Clinton and prime minister Yitzhal Rabin signed an agreement creating the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission to enhance cooperation and create technology based jobs for the 21st century. The US-Israel collaboration was initiated to promote binational projects and implement technologies developed by Consolar, a consortium of Israel companies and academic institu tions.

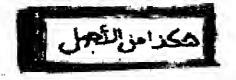
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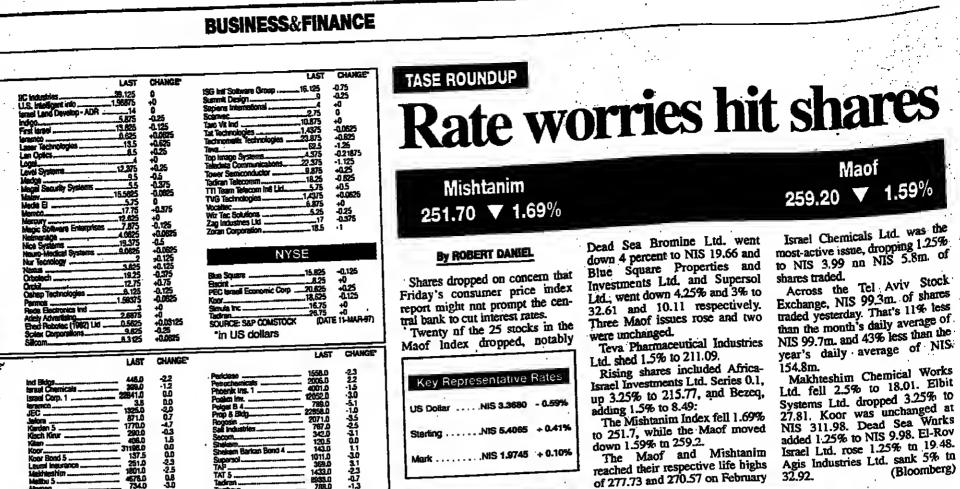


The contract was awarded by the than natural sunlight reaching earth. By JUDY SIEGEL

optics and an innovative air receiver to reflect, focus and convert sunlight, raising temperatures high enough to directly power gas and steam turbines in a combined cycle to generate electricity. The option of using either sun, gas or a combination of the two guarantees power even under cloudy skies. Market assessments conducted recently suggest the potential for applications around the world is broad.

The US-Israeli team will develop an operational 200 to 300 kilowatt system to be located at the Rehovot institute's solar research facility (called the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research). Highly reflective mirrors, called heliostats, will track the sun and reflect il up to another mirror located on a central tower. This reflector will send the sunlight back down to a matrix of optical devices able to concentrate the light so that it becomes





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18. WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - London's FISE 100 index of leading shares finished at its sixth consecutive record close but well short of its new all-time peak as Wall Street inspired British shares to ascendnew heights and then dragged them back down to earth. The FISE soared to a record 4,466.3 points. But Wall Street appeared to falter when it opened on Tuesday, and when the Dow turned back after failing to breach 7,100 points, the FTSE also

London stocks gain gave up most of the day's gains. It ended 6.9 points firmer at 4,444.3. FRANKFURT - Bulls continued to hold sway on the German share market, as the DAX index surged in bourse trade to end the session at its second record closing high in a row. The DAX ended up 24.52 points at 3,460.59 points, having earlier hit a record intraday high of 3,474.98 and dealers said that an imminent breach of its next key resistance level at 3,500 was on the cards.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow edges higher

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average edged into record ground for a second session yesterday, but the överall market was nervous amid beightened speculation that the Federal Reserve might be planning an interest rate hike.

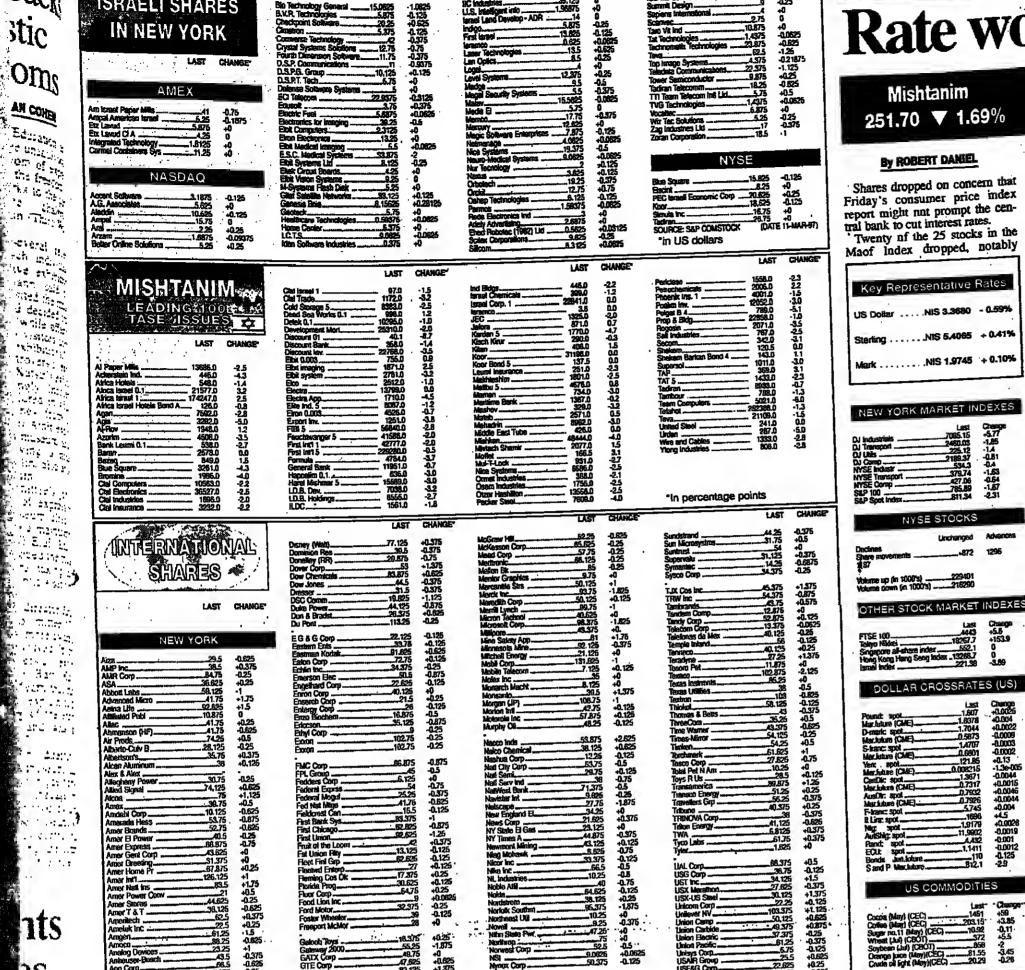
Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow closed up 5,77 points at 7,085.16, beating Monday's record finish of 7,079.39. In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a small margin on active vnlume of 494 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Maccabi forces decider with Efes

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By BRIAN FREEMAN

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Maccabi Tel Aviv forced a third and deciding game in their Euro League Final 16 matchup with a 78-65 victory over Efes Pilsen at Yad Eliahu last night.

The winner of the showdown tomorrow in Istanbul will advance to the quarterfinals.

Derrick Sharp was the star of the game, coming off the bench to give a boost to a sluggish Maccabi offense, and finish with 15 points.

Buck Johnson, who had another consistent night on the floor, was the game's high scorer with 19 points. He shot 60 percent from the field and added four rebounds and four assists, as the Israelis found a way to overcome the Turks' zone defense.

Nadav Henefeld also played a good game at both ends of the court, helping to contain, along with Sharp, the offensive weapons of Efes Pilsen on defense while scoring 14 points.

Nine of these came in the first half when Maccabi had few other options.

Maccabi got off to a slow start, falling behind 13-5 in the first five minutes, and seemed destined to repeat the same mistakes which resulted in Game 1's 76-67 defeat in Istanbul.

Efes controlled the boards early on, as the Turks repeatedly had second and third chances on the offensive end, while Maccabi looked disorganized on offense.

Doron Sheffer and Oded Katash, who combined for only five points in Game I, disappointed once again in the first half last night, scoring only four points between them, while the usually reliable Randy White was held without a first-half point. However, thanks to strong play

from both Johnson and Henefeld Maccabi was able to stay in the game.

Maccabi head coach Zvika Sherf also caused problems for the Efes offense midway through the half by inserting Constantin Popa, who help redirect several Turkish shots and contributed two field goals himself, both on nice assists from Johnson.

Maccabi chipped away at the lead before finally taking its first advantage at 29-28 on the first of two Johnson free throws with only 1:22 left in the half. That's when Sharp made his first

contribution of the night, hitting a three-pointer with only 13 seconds remaining to send Maccabi to the locker room with a 33-30 advan-

Thanks in large part to 12 more second-half points from Sharp, Maccabi never lost the lead in the second period, although the advan-tage was as slim as 50-49 with 7:18

But the Israelis responded to that challenge with perhaps its finest attack of the night, when Sharp hit his third three-pointer after all five Maccabi players touched the ball in a patience which was missing for much of Game].

For Maccabi, Johnson had 19, Sharp 15, Henefeld 14, Katash 12 (10 of them in the last three minutes of the game), White 8 (all in the second half), Brad Leaf and Popa with 4, and Sheffer with 2.

For Efes Pilsen, Petar Naumoski had 16 points, once again below his European average of 21.3 points a game entering the series. Vassilij Karasev had 15, Mirsad Turkcan 11, Tamer Oygue 10, Derrick Alston 7, and Ufuk Sarcia 6 (after he led the Turks with 20 points in Game 1).

In other quarterfinal action last night, Estudiantes Madrid defeated visiting Villeurbanne of France 79-77 to send that series back to Spain for the deciding game. The winner of that series plays the winner of the Maccabi-Efes Pilsen matchup.

Meanwhile, Panathinaikos, Teamsystem Bologna and Barcelona all clinched spots in the quarterfinals by sweeping their series with Limoges, Caja San Fernando Seville, and Alba Berlin respectively.

Partizan Belgrade defeated Olympiakos in Athens 61-60 to send that series to a third game.



HEAD ON - Matthias Svensson during training with the Swedish national team at Ramat Gan yesterday.

Last chance for

Israel to experiment in friendly v. Sweden

Iraklis ends Hap. Jerusalem's European dreams

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Saving their worst European Cup performance for last, Happel Jerusalem was elininated from European Cup play last night, bowing 70-58 to Iraklis Salonika and worse yet going out not with a bang, but a whimper.

Call it a Greek tragedy if you want, but truth be told, it was more like a comedy of offensive errors for Hapoel, Embarrassing doesn't even describe the poor effort Jerusalem exhibited in its most important game of the season, but give full credit to Iraklis, who once again used a patient, disciplined game to overcome the five-point advantage Jerusalem brought into the game from its 68-63 victory a week ago at Malha.

Even in that contest, it was clear that Jerusalem could not do what it had done so successfully against other European foes: run, or get any kind of three-point game going.

Controlling the backboards once again, Iraklis rarely gave Jerusalem any chance to race down court, but even when they did, Jerusalem managed to find a way to mess up on offense. Jerusalem was even pitiful at the foul line, going an overall 17-29.

PULLING BACK - Brsd Leaf, who evened the score for

Maccabi late in the first half, goes up against Efes Pilsen.

The Greeks showed Hapoel just how bad a night it was going to be from the outset, racing to an 8-0 lead before you could say Euripides. When Iraklis's Steve Bucknell (high scorer with 23 points) hit a three-pointer, Iraklis led 19-6, and Jerusalem lonked totally out of it.

Coach Gadi Kedar's club looked clueless on offense, scoring just six points in the first 10 minutes of play. Point guard Papi Turgeman's flu slowed

him down, but the flu bug couldn't explain Jerusalem's total inepmess on offense. When they finally did mount an attack of sorts, Iraklis reserve forward John Brogos chipped

Liverpool repeat last-minute 4-3 win over Newcastle

in seven points to snuff out any thoughts of a Jerusalem rally, and a confused Hapoel club left the court trailing 31-17 at halftime.

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Jerusalem came out energized, and ran off seven straight points to give the several hundred Hapoel fans who made the trip to Salonika some hope. But Hapoel's inability to combine stops on defense with some scoring punch made it all but impossible to cut into the Iraklis lead.

Dan Bingenheimer had success feeding Billy Thompson (Jerusalem's joint top scorer with Adi Gordon, 20 points) underneath, and Jerusalem crept within 46-37. However, Bingenheimer got called for a technical, Brogos put home an offensive rebound, as did guard George Yanuzakos, and Iraklis led 52-

To its shame, Kedar's club then rolled over and played dead. Bucknell scored at will, Eric Meek stuffed one home, and the lead quickly

ballooned to an insurmountable 60-40. Jerusalem players, instead of clawing for each ball, as they had early in the second half, were content to watch Iraklis run up the score. Only a last minute flurry in garbage time made the game as close as it was, leaving the Jerusalem fans who made the trip to Salonika wondering whether they wouldn't have been better off staying home.

Before the season began, Jerusalem had a chance to sign forward Hubert Roberts, but decided against it. Ton bad. Roberts could have supplied rebounding and defense against the big Greek side. Last night, he was sorely missed as Jerusalem had no big men off the bench to help out other than Eyal Hai, who was useless on offense.

Despite the loss, Israel may yet have a sec-ond representative in the Euroleague next year due to Jerusalem's efforts. But Iraklis's win guaranteed Greece a third representative.

ments have left both squads without the services of key players. Israel coach Shlomo Scharf is pinning his Rain foils Windies as first Test drawn hopes on the two stars of the match

against Germany - Ronnie Rosenthal and Ran Ben-Shimon, to KINGSTON (Reuter) - Rain deprived the West Indies of an outcome up with the goods once again. side chance of victory as the first While both players did a good job of Test against India petered out into deadening the Germans in midfield a draw on Monday. two weeks ago, they will need to

The West Indies had piled on play a more creative role in getting

By DEREK FATTAL

Luxembourg. The match also presents an oppor-

unity for Swedish manager Tommy

Svensson to boost his squad's flag-

ging spirits, following an unimpres-

sive record to date in Group 4 of the

qualifiers, where the Swedes languish in third place, with six points, a point

behind both Scotland and Austria

Injuries and foreign club commit-

who each have a game in hand.

Eli Ohana - which should give the hosts some of the attacking muscle that was lacking against Germany. Hapoel Beersheba's Shai Holtzman Tonight's soccer friendly at Ramat Gan's National Stadium against is also likely to be given a run in the Sweden concludes Israel's trio of forward line as substitute at some preparatory matches for the allimportant World Cup Group qualifipoint er at the end of the month away to

Avi Nimni and Itzik Zohar - who are both unfit - will be replaced in midfield by Yossi Abuksis and Nir Klinger, while Moshe Glam returns to take over from the ill David Amsalem who has been struck by a bout of flu, as left full back.

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There are serious doubts for Svensson over the fitness of AC Milan midfielder Jesper Blomquist. The former IFK Gothenberg player made the journey to Israel but is still said to be suffering from a injury affecting his right leg. His Serie A colleague, Bologna's Stefan Schwarz is unlikely to play after being injured at the weekend against Fiorentina, but Kent Anderssen who is enjoying a purple patch with the Florence club will be in the opening line-up.

Local fans will relish the prospect of seeing one of the game's greats, veteran goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli grace in action tonight. This will be the 12th meeting between the two nations which first met in 1962. The Israelis have only won once compared to the Swedes' six victories. The most famous meeting was the 1-I draw at the Mexico '70 World Cup finals. Tonight's encounter kicks off at 6 pm, and will be shown live on cable Channel 5. Charmer J. ISRAEL (likely): Rafi Cohen, Nir Klinger, Arik Benado, Andr Shelah, Moshe Glam, Felix Hailon, Ronnie Rosenthal, Yassi Aboksis, Ran Bea-Shimon, Eli Ohana, Alon Mizrahi.

LIVERPOOL (Reuter) - In an produced another breathtaking performance, with Liverpool racing into a 3-0 halftime lead before allowing Newcastle to level at 3-3 with two goals in the last three minutes of normal time.

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Then with 77 seconds of injury

time had been played when Stan Collymore scored Liverpool's winner.

Almost a year after Liverpool's time on the clock, Robbie Fowler tional wringer, but it also kept 4-3 win over broke Newcastle's hearts with a alive Liverpool's hopes of win- United on April 19 - they will win Newcastle last April, the two sides close-range header to give ning the title and at the same time the title.

Liverpool their astonishing win: " just about killed off Newcastle's. The victory moved Liverpool on Last year, 80 seconds of injury to 56 points, a point behind leaders Manchester United with hoth teams having played 29 matches,

The outcome not only put fans and if Liverpool win all their of both teams through the emo- remaining games - including their

memorable

amazing case of deja vu; Liverpool beat Newcastle 4-3 in a

soccer classic for the second suc-

cessive season at Anfield on

Monday night with the winning

goal being scored in injury time.

home clash with Manchester

the runs in their second innings during Sunday's last session to give them an overall lead of 322 and a sniff of victory.

When the game finally got under way after tea, West Indies captain Courtney Walsh immediately declared at 241 for four.

However, India comfortably survived the final session, scoring 99 for 2 before the umpires abandoned play for good because of bad light

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NBA - Result of Monday's only game: LA Clippers 112, Golden State Warriors 106.

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the ball forward tonight if Israel are to exact revenge for the 8-1 hammering (on aggregate) that was meted out by Swedes in the two qualifying matches played between the sides in the run-up to USA '94. The Israelis lost to Sweden 3-1 in the first match played in November 1992 at Ramat Gan, then received a 5-0 hiding at the Rolanda Stadium seven months later.

Scharf will be opening with two strikers - Bnei Yehuda captain Alon Mizrahi will play upfront alongside

> **Desmond Haynes** calls it a day



and 39 half-centuries, scoring 7,487 runs for an average of 42.29.

with Gordon Greenidge in the most prolific opening partnership in Test history, setting a string of partner-ship records. They shared 16 century opening stands with a best of 298 (a West Indian first wicket record) against the long-suffering English in 1989-90.

for his native Barbados in January 1977 and he appeared in his first Test the following year against Australia at Port-of-Spain when he made 61.

At one point he played in 72 consecutive Tests and was the first man in Test history to carry his bat through three Test innings (v Pakistan, Karachi, 1986-87, v England at The Oval, 1991 and v Pakistan at Port-of-Spain 1992-93).

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Wright and Schmeichel urged to end dispute

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and Arscual striker Ian Wright were urged to end their bitter dispute publicly by English FA chief execntive Graham Kelly yesterday.

Kelly's plea in an open letter to both players. came on the day Britain's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) decided Schmeichel would not face charges over allegations he racially abused black striker Wright.

. "There is insufficient evidence to support criminal charges," a CPS spokesman said. Schmeichel was the subject of a police

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Wright during a premier league clash at ball. I have to be aware that both you and lan. United's Old Trafford ground on November Wright are public figures, idolized by millions

Animosity between the two players resur-faced in a match at Arsenal's Highbury stadiam last month when Wright escaped being sent off following a two-fonted challenge on the Danish goalkeeper.

As the players left the pitch at the end of the Highbury match Wright had to be restrained by stewards as he tried to confront Schmeichel. Police intervened to keep the two apart

Kelly wrote in his letter to Schmeichel: "Ision viewers that he shouted racist abuse at have to decide what is best for English foot-

of football fans at home and abroad. Your, example is vitally important.

That is why I ask you, in the interests of the game as a whole, to make a public statement of reconciliation with lan Wright as soon as possible. In doing so, you can be a power for bringing the game together, not dividing it.

"In current circumstances, a drawn out disciplinary procedure with uncertain results would not be helpful. I want to -avoid, it unless you and Ian Wright leave me no alternative

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The 41-year-old batsman has announced his retirement and completed his last game playing for Western Province in Cape Town on Monday.

The opener made 83 and a second innings, third ball duck for Province against new South African domestic champions Natal in his 376th and final match. "I spoke to Don Bradman and he

said: 'You've got to end with a duck,' so I said: 'If it's good enough for you, it's good enough for me', joked Haynes, recalling the great Australian batsman who was dismissed for a duck in his final Test

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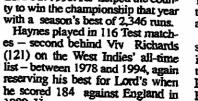
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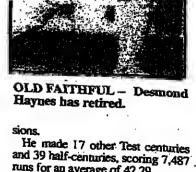
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scored 26,030 runs at an average of 45.91, winning the national championships at least once with all three of his clubs

He hit 61 centuries and 13g fifties with a highest score of 255 not out for Middlesex against Sussex at Lord's in 1990. He helped the county to win the championship that year with a season's best of 2,346 runs. Haynes played in 116 Test match-

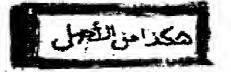


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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Denis Cohen leads the Musica Nova

Ensemble in Yuval Shaked's Octet,

Boskovich's Concerto da Camera for violin

and 10 instruments and two intriguing Israeli

premieres: Konoso Shim's Positive Spaces -

frice very short pieces each lasting no longer

than seven seconds, and Gerhard Staebler's

San Francisco Garbage Cleaners, based on

Atten Ginsberg's poem "America." Tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.

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Generation - Sonos

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for harp; Fauré: Sicilienne and

Yoav Talmi leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra IBA in Verdi's overture to La forza del destino, the composer's eight romances for tenor and orchestra (with Italian tenor Roberte Juliano as soloist), selections from Bizet's L'arlesienne and the overture to Rossini Swilliam Tell. Tonight and tomorrow (8) at the Henry Crown Sympbony Hall in DEBATE HELEN KAYE The third of the late Emile Habibi Memorial Panels deals with the cultural stimuli our children get from books and theater vis à vis the reality of the Arab/Israeli divide. Are they slanted, or not? Poet and author Salman Natur hosts the five-per-

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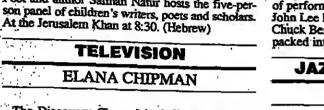
The Discovery Channel is dedicating its pro-gramming this evening to women. At 8, Women Who Kill tells the story of several British women who were abused by their spouses for years and finally rose up and killed them. The program will discuss their legal and social status today. At 9, the second part of A Century of Women, a series looking at changes in women's status during the 20th century, will be shown. The series looks at sexuality, careers, family, beauty and motherhood, and also portrays brave women who dared to challenge traditional patriarcbal ideas.

Finally, at 10, All In Vain will examine district at 9:30 pm.

Last here playing with Elvin Jones at the Eilat Jazz Festival, tenor saxophonist Ari Brown returns as the last star of the Jazz at the Museum series. Considered Chicago's top jazz sax, Brown goes seamlessly from traditional standards to free jazz and beyond. He'll be playing with such as Dani Gottfried on piano and Eli Magen on bass tonight at the Israel Museum at 8:30.

Eyal Sela and Hijazz play music from the Balkans, Turkey and the Arab classical tradition tonight at the Etna World Music Center in Tel Aviv's Florentine





Chuck Berry and others, together with anecdotepacked interviews. **JAZZ & WORLD MUSIC** HELEN KAYE

Saxophonist Ari Brown plays in Jerusalem. women's obsession with perfection and dieting and also suggest healthy ways to lose weight.

ETV 2 screens Sweet Home Chicogo, an excellent documentary on the history of Chicago blues recording company Chess Records, tonight at 10:30. The film includes rare footage of performances by the company's stars, such as John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf,

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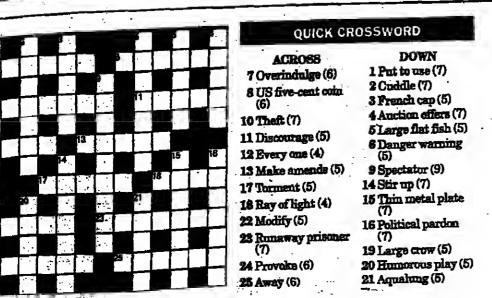
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in brief

Lipkin-Shahak to South Africa

Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak departed yesterday for visits to South Africa and then Thailand, aimed at strengthening military ties with the two

states, the IDF Spokesman said. "During his trip he will meet the army chiefs of these states and visit army bases. The visit is meant to strengthen reladons between the Israel Defense Forces and the armies of South Africa and Thailand," the IDF Spokesman said. Israel has been worried by a South African proposal to sell tank Lipkin-Shahak firing systems to Syria.

(IDF Spokesman)

Turkish defense minister to visit

Turkey's defense minister will visit here early next month, stepping up contacts in the defense field, the Anatolia news agency said yesterday. Minister Turhah Tayan is to meet with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai during his visit, the first by a Turkish defense minister. Turkey seeks cooperation with Israel in military training and in the arms industry. A \$632.5 million project to upgrade 54 Turkish F-4 jets by an Israeli company began last month, during the visit of Turkey's chief of staff. AP

Preferential mortgages to be renewed

Low-interest mortgages for national priority areas will be renewed in the next few days, the Housing Ministry announced yesterday. The renewal, which has been delayed for technical reasons, will be retroacove and those waiting for it will not incur any penalties as a result, the ministry added. Irim

AT THE KNESSET

Organization for terror victims bill passes

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset yesterday passed the second and third readings of a bill which will create an organization to represent terror victims, along the lines of the organization for IDF disabled. The bill passed unanimously by 14 votes.

Under the new law, terror victims or their surviving relatives will automaocally have membership fees to the organization deducted from their compensation, Several terror victims were present in the plenum to see the bill pass. More than 3,000 people are eligible to join the organization.

Parents' debts won't

affect child allowance The Income Tax Authority will no longer be able to put a lien on child allowance payments because of the debts of parents, under a new law which passed in the

reasonable limits Cohen in particular noted the fact that IDF soldiers and officers bave been required to store their arms during ceremonies attended by Netanyahu.

measures have gone beyond all

Petition to make Jerusalem's McDonald's kosher Six MKs from different non-religious parties have written to the president of McDonald's, James Cantalupo, asking that the McDonald's branch in Jerusalem be made kosher. The MKs are: Haim Dayan (Tsomet), Nawaf Massalha (Labor), Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet), Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya), Yona Yahav (Labor), and Alex Lubotsky (Third Way). Only Dayan and Lubotsky are religious Jews, and Massalha is Moslem.

In their letter they claim that Omri Padani, who directs the McDonald's franchise in Israel,

PM: Russia visit a success

Yeltsin says Russia will not supply advanced arms to Syria

News agencies

MOSCOW - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu completed his state visit to Russia yesterday, saying the trip has created a partnership and friendship between the two states. "It's clear there is a new partner-

ship here. It joins the friendship we have with the United States. This partnership is very important for us, and so it shall remain," Netanyahu said.

President Boris Yeltsin said fricoon between the two nations was a thing of the past.

"Our countries and their leaders have passed the stage of prejudice and are now energetically moving toward each other," Yeltsin told Netanyahu at the start of their Kremlin meeting. The presidential press service

described the Yeltsin-Netanyahu meeting as "open and trustful," a rare praise in diplomatic language.

East peace process and urged Netanyahu to advance talks with the Palestinians. This was corroborated in

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Jerusalem, when the deputy head of Military Intelligence, Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, who heads the IDF research division, told Knessel Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that Russia is strengthening its lies with Iran to return to a position of influence in the Middle East.

Netanyahu also discussed with Yeltsin the issue of Russian arms supplies to Syria, emphasizing the danger such a deal could cause Israel. Yeltsin promised that Russia will not supply advanced military equipment to Syria. Yeltsin also suggested that Syria is interested in resuming negotiaoons with Israel. Netanyahu's two-day trip

Yeltsin said Russia intends to lay an active role in the Middle ast peace process and urged ketanyahu to advance taks with he Palestinians.

ancing" role in the region. "We have a deep, traditional friendship with the United States and a new, promising friendship with Russia. The two do not contradict each other," Netanyahu told reporters.

Despite the warm words, the sides also traded criticism. Yeltsin voiced "concern" about

Israeli building plans in eastern Jerusalem and Netanyahu called on Russia to stop military and nuclear cooperation with Iran, where Russia is building a nuclear reactor.

Netanyahu appeared undeterred. Cheered by a joyous crowd of Russian Jews early yesterday, he vowed to keep Jerusalem united and under Israeli control.

"I hope ... that we will be able to



welcome you in the unified Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, which forever will stay united and under Israel's sovereignty." Netanyahu said. Speaking in Hebrew main Choral Moscow's

Moscow's main Choral Synagogue, he otherwise avoided Middle East politics, praising the changes that have allowed Jewish religion and culture to blossom in Russia. Hundreds of Jews, including young school students, interrupted Netanyahu's speech with applause.

Yeltsin also signed a multi-million dollar deal to improve Russian military jets and civilian planes at the Israel Aircraft Industries, whose chairman Yanosh Ben-Gal accompanied the prime minister.

Netanyahu is to visit St. Petersburg today before returning to Jerusalem. Liat Collins contributed to this

report.

Expert warns of earthquake danger

By LIAT COLLINS

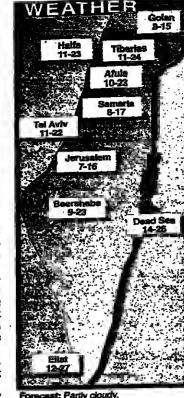
Three potentially devastating dangers to the country were dis-cussed yesterday by the Knesset Science and Technology Committee: a strong earthquake; poisonous algae which could seriously pollute the Kinneret; and leaks from the Ramat Hovav toxic-waste site to water sources and streams.

Prof. Shmuel Friedman, of the Technion's civil engineering faculty, and Dr. Avi Sbapira, the director of the seismological branch of the Geophysical and Oil Research Institute, both presented a chilling picture of the

dangers posed by carthquakes. An carthquake in the Jordan Valley, which is part of the African Rift Valley, could affect Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa, they said. They called for building to standards designed to best

withstand tremors. Shapira said an earthquake rat-ing six on the Richter scale, which could destroy homes in all three major cities and wreak havoc on the economy, could happeo in the near future.

Both Shapira and Friedman said moch could be done to limit the damage, but the subject is oot taken seriously. "I can't even estimate the dam-





Winning cards and numbers

The winning cards in yesterday's daily chance draw were the 9 of spades, 7 of hearts, ace of dia-monds, and king of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 45, 39, 22, 17, 12 and 2 and the additional oumber was 43.

US institution in capital not linked to PA

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The United States has been given assurances by the government that the eastern Jerusalem office of a US organization,



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Knessel yesterday. The bill was initiated by Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) and passed unanimously. Gozansky said that, in many cases in which child allowances have been withheld until now, there has also been a lien on the parents' salaries.

She said some 20,000 families a year were affected by a lien on the child allowances, of which some 40 percent had four or more children.

MK: Prime minister is over-protected

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) has written to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Deputy Premier Moshe Katsav asking for a discussion on the issue of protection for the premier. Cohen stressed that, although he is aware of the threats to Netanyahu, particularly in view of the Rabin assassination, he believes the protective

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"is a known radical political activist... and sometimes an antireligious fanatic." The MKs submitted copies of interviews with Padani to back their charge that be is exploiting McDonald's to wage war on the religious population.

An issue of defense or environment?

MK Rafi Elul (Labor) is appealing to Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) not to prevent the Knesset Science Committee from discussing the environmental implications of the Biological Research Institute in Ness Ziona, Landau wants the issue to be transferred to his committee, saying the institute's work is related to defense issues and should not be discussed in an open committee; Elul maintains the public has the right to know of the environmental implications.

Anglican condemnation

The Most Reverend Samir Katiby of Jerusalem (left) and Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey chat before a procession in Jerusalem's St. George's Cathedral yesterday. Carey, leader of the Anglican Communion, spoke of the 'justified longings' of both Israelis and Palestinians. But he singled out Israeli plans to build in Jerusalem's Har Homa as an example of an action which appears to undermine the peace process. (Text Haim Shapiro, protoc Brinn Hendler)

Doctors demand: Ease hospital overcrowding

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash was due late last night to meet with heads of the Israel Medical Association to discuss doctors' demands for increased manpower and funds to reduce. overcrowding in public hospitals. The Treasury has so far offered only 1,600 additional beds over the next four years, while the IMA has demanded an extra 7,000 beds,

1.600 of them immediately. The IMA last week instructed its

responsible medicine" by discharging patients only when they're well enough and not prematurely due to severe overcrowding in the wards, especially in internal medicine departments.

Occupancy in internal medicine wards now reaches 150 percent in Wolfson, 122% in Barzilai and Nahariya, 110% in Sieff, 140% in the Rabin Medical Center-Hasharon Campus, and 128% in the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson. In a phone call earlier yesterday

members to pracoce "safe and to IMA chairman Yoram Blachar, Barabash asked the IMA to reduce the pressure on the hospitals by not applying work sanctions, at least until the end of negotiations with the Treasury. Blachar said the doctors had not created pressure, but rather it was the . Finance Ministry's tight-fisted policy" that was to blame.

IMA representatives are to appear before the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee today to discuss the problems in the country's bospitals.

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age, because the research is being held up for lack of funds," Shapira said. Prof. Dan Bahat of Ben-Garion

University said decisions taken concerning Ramat Hovav showed the lack of coordination between scientists and the decision-makers.

He said the pools built to hold toxic liquid materials were not built to appropriate standards and without professional supervision.

Water containing heavy metals and other toxic matter leaks from the ponds and pollutes the nearby streams, causing irreversible damage to the coastal aquifer, from which drinking water is pumped, Bahat said.

Drinking water also is being endangered in the country's largest reservoir, the Kinneret, where a poisonous algae has developed and spread in the last three years, according to Dr. Yuval Cohen, director of the Oceanic and Limnological Institute.

which was visited twice by police in the last two weeks, will be allowed to remain open and will not be visited again, according to Duncan MacInnes, spokesman for the American Consulate in Jerusalem.

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MacInnes said · that US Ambassador Martin Indyk was told yesterday by a high-ranking Israeli official that the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Washington-based organization that works to promote democracy around the world and works closely with the Palestinian Legislative Council, can continue to function and that no further action would be taken.

Police first visited the NDI office on February 27 and then again on Monday, to enquire about the organization's connection with the Palestinian Anthority, according to Sean Carroll, director of NDI's Jerusalem office.

"I said at least three times that we have no connection to the PA," he said. "I told them we're an American organization; I told them they were making a big mistake in coming here and questioning us, that they were in the wrong place."

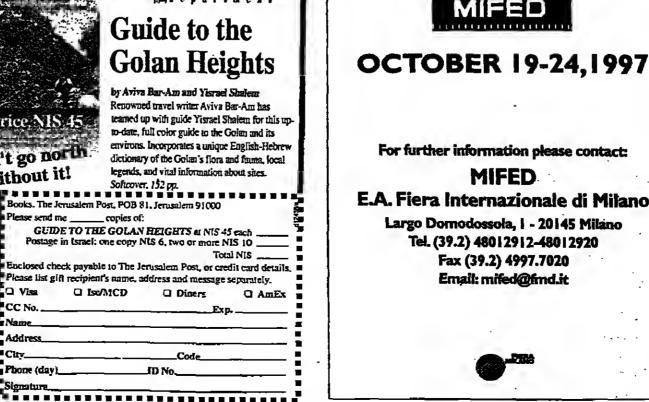
According to a spokesman at the Ministry of Internal Security, the police had prior intelligence information that there was a connection between the NDI and the PA, "which is wby they went to check the offices the first time. They asked one of the people who was working there if this office was in any way affiliated with the PA, and she said yes. That's wby they came back."

The spokesman said that after the police were shown documents about the program by Carroll and told that the NDI is funded by the US and that the office has nothing to do with the PA, the police concluded their investigation.

The NDI office in Jerusalem employs 10 people in Jerusalem, two in Gaza, and has 21 field employees. Five of the employees are American, one is Canadian, and the rest are Palestinians. The institute, an affiliate of the Democratic Party and funded by. the US Agency for International Development, has 38 offices around the world. It worked together with the Jimmy Carter Center to monitor the Palestinian elections in January of 1996. One of its former vice chairmen was Madeleine Albright, the US secretary of state.

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